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President's Report

by Gilbert Greenberg



Each year at this time we meet to take stock, hear reports and begin to make plans for the coming year. These Annual Meetings also reaffirm our identity as a vital and committed Jewish community concerned with survival at home, in Israel and around the world.

Since much of what we have done in the past twelve months is covered in the reports of our Standing Committees, beneficiary agencies and affiliated organizations, I will confine my comments to our administrative operations and a few items of broad communal interest.

The Officers began to meet directly after we were elected on June 27 last. We spent the first few sessions in establishing our goals for this year and in developing written statements which updated and clarified the responsibilities of the Officers, the terms of reference of our Standing Committees and our relationships with national and international Jewish organizations. These documents and flow charts together with the constitution, now form the basis of an operating manual which will be a useful guide to our successors.

The Officers also decided to meet regularly on the second Wednesday of each month and to experiment with monthly rather than semi-annual meetings of the Board of Trustees, on the last Wednesday of each month. This was a departure from the previous practice whereby most issues were handled by the Executive Committee. According to the feedback we have been getting, the joint sessions of the Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees are working out well. More people have become involved in the decision-making process and in all probability, this new approach to participatory democracy will be continued.

My Officers and I did not accomplish everything we set out to do in the past twelve months but we did manage to get some projects off the ground and to complete others. Let me share some highlights with you:

1. Social Services

The launching of the Jewish Information & Referral Service and Services for the Jewish Elderly as pilot projects last September represents a new awareness that social service needs exist and that the community has a part to play in their solution. The Study on Jewish Aging which is currently under way is a further step in this direction because it will provide data for planning for the future.

The Shalom Welcome Service is another new development this year. With new people moving into Ottawa all the time, the Service is our way of reaching out to help them feel welcome.

2. Day School Feasibility Study

When I took office last year, I said that the establishment of a new Day School facility attracting the largest number of children because of the quality of education and the options offered, would be one of my highest priorities. I had a good deal of support for the conceptual framework I sketched, provided that the plan could be worked out without serious disruption to our existing commitments.

As the first step in the Feasibility Study, I asked Rabbi Bulka in February if he would head a committee to come up with a curriculum for the new school. He agreed to do so and his report should be forthcoming in the next few weeks. Obviously, what I have in

mind cannot be attempted without the most serious research and consideration. I am still very much committed to the basic principles I enunciated but recognize that anything so ambitious will take time and patience. In the meanwhile, there are some encouraging signs on the horizon: notably the increase in enrollment at Hillel Academy which reflects favourably on the image of the school and the standard of education being offered.

3. Planning for the Future

Thoughts of a new Day School facility go hand in hand with what is to happen with the other occupants of 151 Chapel Street. We know for a fact that the Jewish Community Centre feels that it is working under a handicap in a building which was designed almost thirty years ago. More recent Centre buildings have space for outdoor programming, indoor swimming pools, tennis and squash courts, lounges and the like. By the same token, the school feels hampered by a very small playground and the fact that it is operating from two separate locations with all that implies for supervision and effective control. On top of that, a higher enrollment has forced the school to encroach on space originally designed for Centre use. The conversion to classrooms is costly and may not meet proper specifications.

The situation is further complicated by the third occupant of the building, Congregation Beth Shalom. People have moved into the Sandy Hill area in order to be near the Synagogue and their needs are being adequately met, at least for the foreseeable future. The result is that two of the three occupants would re-locate; the third is relatively satisfied to remain where it is. When you consider the high cost of new facilities, the capital funds which would have to be raised and the present economic climate, you have a real dilemma. Still, the issue must be faced and we have asked Norman Zagerman and his Long-Range Planning Committee to look at the whole situation again and come back to us with a recommendation.

4. Fund-Raising

The inevitable tug between Israel and local community needs is a matter of concern to us. We like to think of the United Jewish Appeal as the instrument for funding the totality of Jewish needs wherever they exist and these are the considerations which guide the Budget & Allocations Committee in its deliberations. Unfortunately, campaign income has not kept pace with increased costs, even though we have been raising more money each year for the past several years. It is worrisome that 10 percent of the donors contributing 90 percent of the money. The base has been broadened considerably in the past two years but we still have to place far too much reliance on the large donors. This is basically the same situation everywhere and all communities are in trouble when one or more major gifts are not maintained. New techniques will have to be found to bring about a greater sharing of the load than is now the case.

The allocation of the money we raise is also a major responsibility. We are stewards of these funds and the most judicious examination of purpose and priority must be exercised in their distribution. I believe that we do the job well in Ottawa and our representatives at the National Budgeting Conference of Canadian Jewry and the United Israel Appeal of Canada have the same considerations in mind when they sit in at those sessions. Yet with increased demands at all levels, I foresee the need for some hard decisions to be made in the months ahead.

One of the bright spots on the community scene is the healthy growth which our Endowment & Bequest Foundation is showing. The Foundation has caught on and if

the trend continues the income from the investment will begin to play a meaningful role in the funding of local services, thereby freeing more U.J.A. funds for overseas relief and rehabilitation.

5. Leadership Development

A new and promising Young Leadership Development Group was established this year. The young men and women who are involved are learning about the community so that they can enter leadership ranks with the knowledge and background required to make informed decisions. Such programs have produced a significant number of young men and women who are at the helm of Jewish communal endeavour in Ottawa today.

6. Young People's Activities

The one area in which few organizations have been effective is youth activities in general. Everyone talks about programming for teen-agers and university students but as I look around, I see many gaps. The answer may lie in the kind of society in which we live or in our failure to respond to the needs of the young people themselves. Whatever the reason, the time may have come for us to stop worrying about organizational labels and concentrate instead on developing a meaningful program which will attract our young people and retain their Jewish commitment and loyalty. The first step in the process could be the appointment of a Commission on Youth which would look at the issue in depth and try to find solutions to a complex problem.

7. General Observations

Other than that, I would say that, in general, Jewish life is flourishing in Ottawa. Synagogue attendance is up, school enrollment is increasing and our institutions and agencies continue to grow and expand their activities. Many new people are becoming involved but unfortunately, there is still too much apathy and indifference for my liking.

I believe the Bulletin is helping to bring about a change in attitudes. I have written about many issues during the past year and have heard from many of you in return. I have tried to respond to the comments, suggestions and criticisms which are a part of the day-to-day reality of organized Jewish life. My impression is that this two-way communication is a positive development.

I conclude by thanking the Officers, the Board of Trustees, our professional staff and the community-at-large for their help and encouragement during the past year. It has been a privilege to have served as President.

ANNUAL MEETING

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Constitution Committee

Sol M. Shmelzer, Chairman

Your Committee has been meeting with the officers to consider proposed amendments to the constitution. These discussions are still in progress and it is presently anticipated that revisions recommended by the officers will be circulated to the trustees during the course of the summer with a view to effecting revisions during the current fiscal period.

Canada-Israel Committee

Arnell Goldberg, Chairman

The National Capital Branch of the Canada-Israel Committee is responsible for developing programs and activities within the Jewish and general community in conjunction with the national body.

During the course of the past year, it became apparent that the structure for an effective program was cumbersome and that what was needed was a smaller group meeting regularly with a larger constituency willing to help, if that became necessary. To that end, the Committee has begun to re-think its role.

Community Relations Committee

Mervin Mirsky, Chairman

The terms of reference of the Community Relations Committee make it the community spokesman in matters of public relations; charge it to maintain a watching brief on anti-Jewish manifestations; and direct it to develop activities to foster interfaith understanding.

By its nature, the Committee maintains a low profile but did respond to several provocations during the course of the year.

There are some areas in which we should consider becoming more active. This will require some re-structuring and I would recommend that we address the issue in the coming year.

Holocaust Committee

Mendel Good, Chairman

After many years of planning, the Ottawa Holocaust Memorial became a reality. It was dedicated on Sunday, May 7 by the Right Honourable Bora Laskin, Chief Justice of Canada.

There were some 600 people in attendance and though we felt there should have been more people, especially children, the comments received were most favourable. More emphasis will be placed on youth participation in the future, since we consider this monument as a tool for the development of educational programming.

The Jewish Community Centre Library has a good selection of Holocaust books which we would encourage the community to read. We are also in the process of organizing an Education Committee whose function will be to develop special programs for use in the school systems.

Since the campaign for the Holocaust Memorial is still short \$10,000. of the announced goal, we would be pleased to receive additional donations.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone involved in helping to make this project a reality.

Soviet Jewry Committee

Rabbi Donald R. Gerber, Chairman

How Can We Do Enough? Soviet Jewry 1977-78

Sitting down to write this report was especially difficult this year because of a deep frustration which I share with many of you over the condition of Jews in the Soviet Union and in particular the situation of Anatoly Shcharansky. If we had wanted to give this year's Soviet Jewry program a title it would have to be: **How World Pressure Failed to Free Anatoly Shcharansky.**

In Ottawa we did a great deal in attempting to educate, generate concern and Canadian government intervention on behalf of Shcharansky and other "refuseniks."

On November 7, 1977, Mrs. Esther Markish, widow of the famed Yiddish Soviet poet, Peretz Markish, was a guest of the Jewish Community of Ottawa on the 60th Anniversary of the Russian Revolution. On that day, we hosted a National Executive meeting of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Soviet Jewry Committee, chaired by Mr. Max Schechter of Toronto. There was cross-Canadian representation at our demonstration at the Soviet Embassy, backed up by numerous Ottawa Jews and concerned Gentiles. The tragic irony of the association of Mrs. Markish and later in the year, Mrs. Shcharansky's visits to Ottawa is that 25 years ago Mrs. Markish waited for approximately 4 years assuming that her husband was alive only to find out that he had been murdered with over 20 other Soviet Jewish writers and cultural leaders. Mrs. Shcharansky has now been waiting for 15 months. No one has seen her husband during this period of time. He could also be dead. How long will this insane, beastial, anti-human and anti-semitic horror continue?

On November 15, Anatoly Shcharansky's wife, Avital, visited Ottawa and a Breakfast Meeting at the J.C.C. was held for lawyers and scientists. One of the primary goals of that day was facilitating Mrs. Shcharansky's meeting with Dr. Gerhard Herzberg, Canadian Nobel laureate. Dr. Herzberg has been most supportive of Shcharansky's cause. The Canadian Labour Congress also met with Mrs. Shcharansky that day and issued a statement in sympathy with her husband urging the Soviet Union to free Anatoly Shcharansky.

The week of November 26-30 found the



Canadian Council of Bishops meeting in Ottawa and with the assistance of Ms. Bonnie Brennan of that organization, the Catholic Church of Canada dealt with great concern and courage with the Soviet treatment of Shcharansky and at their Press Conference on November 30 issued a strong statement directed to the Soviet Ambassador to Canada, Alexandor N. Yakovlev.

On December 8 Joseph Pomerant, Q.C. addressed a small gathering of representatives of the Ottawa-Carleton Bar Association. I must thank Hy Soloway, Q.C. for helping co-ordinate that evening's events. Mr. Pomerant is Shcharansky's legal representative in Canada and has assisted Shcharansky's cousins in Toronto in obtaining support from the Canadian government. As you most probably recall, Norman Cafik, Federal Minister of Multi-Culturalism was able to effect an invitation from our government to Shcharansky granting landed immigrant status, based on reunification with family. The Soviets did not respond to this invitation.

December 10th was United Nations Human Rights Day, the 29th Anniversary of that day. Advertisements appeared in most Canadian newspapers including the Ottawa Journal and Citizen. Ruth Berger, Chairman of the Ottawa Women's Committee for Soviet Jewry (35's) obtained scores of influential Ottawa signatures and co-ordinated this project with the Save Shcharansky Committees in Montreal and Toronto. The cost of these two Ottawa advertisements was \$1723.60. Private donations covered less than one quarter, over \$800.00 of the amount was paid by our Vaad Ha'Ir from your contributions to the United Jewish Appeal and \$400 was received from the National Soviet Jewry budget. December was truly Anatoly Shcharansky month as we anticipated his trial in the Soviet Union only to learn of the bizarre postponement by the Soviets in contravention of their own law. Frustration!

During the months of January through June after the terrible frustrations regarding the Soviet treatment of Shcharansky comparatively little has been done on a large scale in Ottawa or throughout Canada on behalf of Soviet Jews. However, Ruth Berger and I continue to inform members of Parliament, and Administrative Assistants to the three national leaders of our Federal Government, as well as work in consultation with Amnesty International and others concerned with the plight of Soviet Jews.

Although we have not yet seen the day of Shcharansky's release perhaps we have helped keep him alive. Also I firmly believe and have irrefutable evidence that we have contributed toward creating a vigilant world-consciousness and a spirit of persistent expectations of justice for individuals and groups in the Soviet Union. Thirty per cent more Jews have been given permission to emigrate from the USSR in the past year than in either of the 2 previous years. Ruth Berger and I need your help, call us at 224-1802 or 728-5154.



Jewish Social Services Council

Jacquelin Holzman, Chairman

This has been an exciting year for the Jewish Social Services Council. September was the beginning of the operation of two projects, the Jewish Information and Referral Service and Services for Jewish Elderly. Elaine Rabin and Lisa Garman were hired to develop and direct these two services under the supervision of the JSSC and the auspices of the Vaad.

JIRS was established to provide information and make referrals on all matters, particularly those of a social service nature. Beginning with a total of 82 calls in September, 1977, JIRS has processed over 1,100 calls, including members of the Jewish community seeking employment. However, professionalism dictates against even informal descriptions of the nature of the majority of calls. In fact, the number of calls indicating family problems has increased as have those of a straight information nature. A training manual has been produced and training sessions have been arranged by Mrs. Rabin for her "staff", a core group of ten very dedicated volunteers.

Services for Jewish Elderly was also launched in September, 1977, with friendly visiting to elderly and shut-ins who are in their own homes and in institutions. A training manual was produced and training sessions were arranged by Mrs. Garman for the twenty-four Friendly Visitors who are in contact with their senior citizen at least once a week. A Transportation Service was developed to offer senior citizens drives to medical appointments, grocery shopping and other activities. Nine volunteers form the nucleus of this Service. A nutrition and fitness program was presented to the Golden Age Club in conjunction with the Jewish Community Centre. Many requests for assistance for short-term or one-of-a-kind problems were answered. Unfortunately, Mrs. Garman resigned at the end of April but she left a well-developed and solid foundation on which to build as well as a dedicated core of service and administrative volunteers. Mrs. Rusty Torobin was hired as of May 1 and future plans call for strengthening the existing services as well as developing interest groups and additional nutrition programs.

A Volunteer Bank under the chairmanship of Ruth Calof has been established to recruit adults, teenagers, men and women to man the numerous social service programs being offered by the JSSC and other organizations.

Albert Rivers is Chairman of a Survey being conducted in June and July, 1978, to determine the characteristics of the Jewish community over the age of 60. 300 persons selected at random will be interviewed and the data gathered will provide the base for planning to meet future needs of those over 60. The chairmen of the four major task forces are Mark August, Study Design, Alex J. Cohen, Volunteers, Norman Tenenbaum, Population Identification, Florence Hurtig, Publicity. Freda Frankel is the Co-ordinator and the Department of Epidemiology of the University of Ottawa is providing professional assistance.

Sophie Engel, Consultant on Aging for the Council of Jewish Federations, New York, spent two days in Ottawa in January on programs for the aging which have been developed in the United States and Canada.

Two meetings were held to provide information to the Vaad on the numbers of out-of-town Jews settling in Ottawa.

Donations received from the Ottawa Branch of the National Council of Jewish Women and from B'nai B'rith Ottawa Lodge No. 885 and the continuing financial support

from the Vaad as well as the clerical skills of Rossie Rose were most appreciated.

The JSSC has benefitted from the untiring efforts of its members who have attended meetings to plan, develop and monitor the above new programs in a responsible and conscientious manner, all capably recorded by the secretary, Marlene Burack.

Two members must be singled out because of their involvement and interest during the Social Services Needs Study in 1976 through the establishment of the Jewish Social Services Council and then the development of the Jewish Information and Referral Service, Services to Jewish Elderly and the Survey of the Aging. None of this would have materialized without the constant support of Naomi Pearlman and Roz Dreskin. The JSSC is grateful for their devotion.

JIAS—Ottawa

Evelyn Lieff, Chairman

Several new immigrant families arrived in Ottawa this year and with the new immigration laws, it is likely that more are on their way. We presently have 17 families for a total of 43 people from varied backgrounds. Although most of these families are self-sufficient at the moment, most need help from time to time.

We once again delivered traditional food baskets for the High Holy Days and for Passover. We also arranged for immigrant families to participate in Shabbat experiences, a Purim Seudah and Passover Seders.

Our volunteers handle the day-to-day problems and keep in contact with me and the office to avoid duplication of service. When funds are necessary, the situation must be carefully considered by key members and reviewed on a regular basis.

In November, I attended the first Canadian JIAS workshop with Gittel Tatz and Hy Hochberg. The main thrust of that meeting was the importance of helping to make new immigrants feel and become Jewish. For most of them it is a new and strange experience but their reactions have been heart-warming and we will continue our efforts in this direction.

I would like to thank the Hebrew Benevolent Society, B'nai B'rith Ottawa Lodge, B'nai B'rith Parliament Lodge, Congregation Beth Shalom, Congregation Machzikei Hadas and Congregation Young Israel and Montreal JIAS for helping us to ease the integration process for newly-arrived immigrants.



Shalom Welcome Service

Susannah Dalfen, Chariman

The Shalom Welcome Service inaugurated its operations late last summer with the publication of a booklet outlining the services, facilities and organizations functioning in the Jewish Community. At the same time a corp of volunteers were organized to act as welcomers for the newcomers. These volunteers were given several orientation sessions.

Last fall, the newcomers who had arrived during the previous six months were sent a copy of the SWS booklet and a welcome letter from the President of the Vaad. They were then visited by a volunteer welcomer who brought them a complementary bottle of Israeli wine and the Jewish Telephone Directory. This procedure was carried out on an on going basis, as we were notified of the newcomers' arrival.

Early in April, a Wine and Cheese party was held on a Sunday evening in the Social Hall of the JCC. There were more than 150 people in attendance — newcomers and members of the Community out to greet them. The event was quite a success.

We plan to continue the procedure of welcoming on an individual basis and to expand our committee to help integrate teenagers arriving in the community. Over time, it is expected that through feedback from newcomers we can all become more responsive to the needs of these people who can contribute immeasurable to our community.

Shalom-Ottawa

Carol Kassie, Chairman

Shalom-Ottawa, our Jewish community cable program, is shown the first and third Tuesdays of each month from September through June.

This year, our fifth season, the production committee consisted of Miriam Algorn, Ruth Mirsky and Marion Silver besides me, as Chairman, and our staff person from the Vaad, Gittel Tatz. We are also pleased that Michael Ringlet, a former staff member of Skyline Cablevision, has continued to direct our shows on a volunteer basis.

The first productions of the 1977-78 season were taped at Ottawa Cable, since Skyline was under repair. The new facility is much improved and will enable us to be a bit more creative in the future.

Some of our specials included Music of the High Holy Days with Cantor Moshe Kraus, a Festival Tables program with Temple Israel Sisterhood, an interview with Nazi hunter Erich Erdstien, and another with Israeli singer Peter Bornay. We also covered such things as the Jewish Community Centre Phys. Ed. Program, the Book Fair, Brundibar, the Holocaust and Yom Ha'Atzmaut. Several programs were devoted to the work of B'nai B'rith and the National Council of Jewish Women.

We are generally pleased with the results of this co-operative effort between the Jewish Community Council and the Ottawa Section of the National Council of Jewish Women, but we would be pleased to welcome new members with new ideas to become part of our team.

My best wishes to Ruth Mirsky who will assume responsibility for Shalom-Ottawa for the coming season.

University Affairs

Professor Eugene Rothman, Chairman

The 1977-78 academic year saw an upsurge of activities on Ottawa's university campuses. There was increased scope and participation in the activities of the Jewish Students Union at both Carleton and Ottawa Universities; the Jewish Studies Programme in Carleton's Department of Religion broadened the range of its offerings; and, Professor Norman Rose, the Canada-Israel Foundation for Academic Exchanges' scholar in Carleton's Department of History, made a major contribution to the intellectual life of the university and the Jewish and non-Jewish communities alike.

Jewish Students Union - There was increased programming and activities on both university campuses during the past year. A new feature, the Israeli Drop-In Centre, began this year. Organised in conjunction with Dror-Habonim, the Drop-In Centre attracted an average of forty students every two weeks for programmes with Israeli and Jewish content. In addition, the Jewish Students Union organised regular social events, such as the Student-Faculty Wine and Cheese Party, attended by over 150 students and 60 faculty and spouses. Lectures were arranged, such as those given by Professors Norman Rose and Gabriel Warburg on the Middle East. The Jewish poet, Irving Layton, lectured at Ottawa University to an audience of more than 200 people. One outstanding feature was the table organised by Jewish students at International Students Week held at Ottawa University. It was acclaimed as the most successful display there and more than 6000 pieces of literature on Israel and Jewish topics were distributed within a three-day period.

While activities and participation increased, the Jewish Students Union continues to face a serious organizational problem. Students participate in programmes but do not really become involved in the Students Union on the organizational level. Despite repeated efforts to encourage this involvement by the Co-ordinator, who is retiring after three very successful years, there has been little progress in this respect. Without the active participation of Jewish students in this aspect of the Jewish Students Union, the group will continue to be only a programming service - albeit an important one - rather than a true student organization.

The Jewish Studies Programme - The Jewish Studies Programme in Carleton's Department of Religion continued to offer a broad range of courses and to attract a large number of students. This year nearly 100 students attended the course on Jewish History and approximately 30 students studied Modern Hebrew. In addition there were a number of related courses, such as the graduate seminar "State, Society and Religion in the Middle East", which were well attended. Graduate research was also carried out in the area of Jewish Studies and the Master of Arts Degree was awarded to a student for a thesis on Religious Zionism and its Role in Israel.

Two major undertakings were begun this year as well. In November, an International Biblical Studies Symposium, co-sponsored by Carleton University and the Vaad, was held in Ottawa. The symposium brought together 50 of the world's leading rabbinic, biblical and literary scholars for a three-day conference which was cited by Carleton's President as the most important international event to be held at Carleton this year. The CBC and the National Gallery also played a major role.

The symposium's proceedings will be published this winter. The other major project, begun as a result of a large university grant, is the development of an experimental university course on Religions of the Middle East: Judaism and Islam. This course will result in production of films and other modern audio-visual aids to be used for teaching purposes. It is hoped that the course will attract a large number of students and will eventually be given off the Carleton campus.

Canada-Israel Foundation for Academic Exchanges - Dr. Norman Rose, Professor of International Relations at the Hebrew University, was the Canada-Israel Exchange Fellow at Carleton University's Department of History. Over 100 students attended Professor Rose's lectures and he was regarded by students and colleagues alike as one of the ablest lecturers in the Department.

Professor Rose appeared many times in Ottawa and travelled throughout Canada and the United States to visit and speak before university audiences on international affairs. In addition, he lectured on behalf of academic organizations and appeared before Jewish and non-Jewish students organizations. Professor Rose was a frequent guest at functions organised by the Jewish community of Ottawa as well as in other cities. He participated in approximately 15 panels, symposia and study days in cities such as Halifax, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver and Victoria. The media often called upon him because of the great interest in the Middle East in recent months. He appeared on local programmes as well as network programmes.

Without a doubt, Professor Rose's stay in Canada was as successful as it was hectic. The impact of his presence was felt well beyond Ottawa and his contribution to the academic and general communities was tremendous.

David and Rachel Epstein Foundation

Norman Zagerman, Dr. Baruch Diena, David Loeb, Sol Shinder, Zeev Vered.
Members of the Committee

The late Mr. David Epstein provided in his Will that 85 per cent of the income from his estate be made available each year to Jewish charitable, religious and educational organizations and institutions in the City of Ottawa. The other 15 per cent is earmarked for Carleton University.

The Will further provides that a committee composed of at least three Jewish citizens of Ottawa submit a list of such organizations and institutions which, in their opinion, are worthy of receiving benefits from the Foundation each year. The recommendation is made to the Trustee, The Canada Permanent Trust Company.

For the Foundation fiscal year ended July 16, 1977, the sum of \$108,598.14 was available for distribution to Jewish charities. The allocation to each of the beneficiaries follows:

1. Ottawa Talmud Torah & Hillel Academy	\$55,000.00	Educational
2. Ottawa Modern Jewish School	4,000.00	Educational
3. Temple Israel Religious School	4,000.00	Educational
4. Jewish Community Centre	39,598.14	Educational
5. Ottawa Jewish Home for the Aged	6,000.00	Charitable

The late Mr. Epstein died on July 16, 1968 and the first distribution was made on July 16, 1970. Since then, the total amount received from the estate, including 1977, totals \$826,803.88.



Ottawa Women's Committee for Soviet Jewry 35's

Ruth Berger, Chairman

Our role continues to be one of focusing the attention of the Jewish and the general community on the plight of Soviet Jewish prisoners and refuseniks. The response from the media to our efforts has been excellent. This year, we have had more newspaper and television coverage, both at the local and national levels, than ever before.

In June of last year, Group of 35 organized a large community wide demonstration on behalf of Anatoly Shcharansky and Joseph Begun. The Hon. Herb Gray was the guest speaker. In July, my letter on the trial of Joseph Begun abruptly ended a series of five letters to the editor of The Ottawa Journal from the Soviet press attache in which he had defended the Russian record on Human Rights.

In September and October, we again ran our Rosh Hashanah mailing program at the invitation of various local women's groups. This year over 175 cards were mailed to Jews in the U.S.S.R.

In November, the Women's Committee for Soviet Jewry, with the help of Rabbi Gerber, organized a lecture by Esther Markish and a large demonstration at the Soviet Embassy to mark the 60th anniversary of the Russian revolution. We also co-hosted the fall meeting of the National Soviet Jewry Committee at the J.C.C.

In December, we again worked very closely with Rabbi Gerber on behalf of Anatoly Shcharansky. We helped to organize a breakfast meeting of lawyers and scientists, among them Gerhard Hertzberg, to hear Avital Shcharansky. We collected all the Ottawa signatures for the Shcharansky petition, and did media relations for a lawyers meeting with Shcharansky's Canadian lawyer, Joe Pamerant. Hopefully, the combined Ottawa efforts played some part in the Canadian government's demands for observer status at Shcharansky's forthcoming trial.

In January, we organized a much publicized demonstration with local Goldstein families on behalf of jailed physicist, Gregory Goldstein.

In February, we held a press conference for Avital Shcharansky which was exceptionally well covered by the media. Later this month, Shcharansky's close friend and colleague, Dina Beilin, who was recently expelled from Russia, will visit Canada.

I am currently organizing press coverage and have already set up an interview with Dina on 'Canada A.M.'

Jewish Community Cemetery of Ottawa

Hyman Gould, Chairman.

The Jewish Community Cemetery on Highway 31 (Bank Street South) is composed of individual sections owned by Congregations Beth Shalom, Agudath Israel and Machzikei Hadas. It is approximately ten acres in size and has served the community for some seventy-five years.

Until the opening of the New Jewish Community Cemetery in the fall of 1976, Young Israel and Temple Israel members were accommodated by the other Congregations. Now all five have cemetery lands of their own, but all work together as a unit.

During the past year the Cemetery has been well maintained any, in my judgment, compares favourable in appearance with cemeteries anywhere. Still, the winter season is difficult but we managed to keep the roads open with adequate equipment and machinery. Snowplowing from the highway is a problem and has damaged our fencing to the point where it will be necessary to replace what we have with something more durable over the course of the next few years.

I am pleased to report that the Cemetery Committee made the Public Square available for the Holocaust Memorial and worked with the Holocaust Memorial and worked with the Holocaust Memorial Committee in the development of its plans. Some landscaping has already been done, more will be needed, but it is already evident that the area is a focal point for the entire cemetery and a credit to the community as a whole.

The Annual Memorial Service held on the cemetery grounds on the Sunday prior to Rosh Hashanah was well attended. All the Congregations were represented and a short but meaningful service was held as usual. The appreciation of the community was extended to the clergy and Mr. Jacob Landau, the Gabbai of the Chevra Kadisha, and to the men and women of his organization for their devoted efforts throughout the course of the year.

Mr. Nathan Marcus, our Cemetery Supervisor, continues to do an excellent job in caring for and maintaining the grounds and we thank him for his praiseworthy efforts on our behalf. Mr. Sam Marcovitch is in charge of floral decorations on a private basis.

My thanks to the Vaad for making its resources and staff available to the Cemetery Committee and to my colleagues on the Committee who represent Congregations Beth Shalom, Agudath Israel, Machzikei Hadas, Temple Israel and Young Israel.

The New Jewish Community Cemetery of Ottawa

Israel Shinder, Chairman

The year 1977-78 might best be termed as a year of consolidation. Our systems have now all been set in place and routine matters of maintenance and operation have all been carefully worked out. Because of the continuing financial restraint on the part of the Synagogues involved, we have done very little to further beautify or enhance the cemetery itself. This should be done soon and some long term planning will be attempted this year.

We presently have four burials at the new cemetery and many plots have been sold by the various Congregations.

From this point forward, apart from our attempt to implement more landscaping, we are into a period of relative inactivity for the conceivable future. We are ready to serve the needs of the community.

Ottawa Jewish Community Endowment and Bequest Foundation

Bernard Shinder, President
Casey Swedlove, Executive Secretary

The Ottawa Jewish Community Endowment and Bequest Foundation is pleased to report continued progress during the past year. During the past year eight new Endowments —

Montefiore Club Foundation
Abraham and Fanny Betcherman Foundation
Lawrence Freiman Scholarship Fund
Arnold Shinder Israeli Music Scholarship Fund
Benjamin Katz Endowment Fund
B'nai B'rith Lodge No 885 Past Presidents Fund
Jacob Gladstone Endowment Fund
Harry Shinder Endowment Fund

and nine new Memorial Funds

Jacob and Leah Rivers Memorial Fund
Abraham and Fanny Dubrow Memorial Fund
James M. Memorial Fund
Simon and Thelma Ritt Memorial Fund
Alex Betcherman Memorial Fund
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Edgar Marks Memorial Fund
Michael Benes — Ann Van Derzee Memorial Fund
Hyman Bessin Memorial Fund
Abram Molot Memorial Fund
were added to the Foundation.

Total money now being administered by the Foundation is approximately \$450,000.00

The Grants and Allocations Committee of the Foundation made the following distribution of revenue for 1977.

Michael R. Freedman Charitable Foundation	
United Jewish Appeal	\$7,243.75
Ottawa Council of Hadassah	50.00
Canadian Foundation for Jewish Education	400.00
Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario	1,306.25
Harold Flagal Memorial Fund	
United Jewish Appeal	350.00
Phillip Cohen Charitable Foundation	
Canada Israel Cultural Foundation	350.00
David Zbar Memorial Fund	
Canadian Friends of Netanya Youth and Cultural Centre	1,500.00
Harold Shinkman Endowment Fund	
Jewish National Fund	3,600.00
United Israel Appeal	4,400.00
Louis Greenberg Memorial Fund	
Ottawa Talmud Torah	1,000.00



Hyman Bessin Foundation
Laniado Hospital, Netanya, in memory of David Zbar 800.00

Mrs. Moe (Bessie) Greenberg Endowment Fund
Ottawa Talmud Torah Financial Assistance Fund 900.00

Anne Altman Memorial Fund
Women's ORT — Scholarship 700.00

Ethel Rivers Memorial Fund
Ottawa Council of Hadassah 500.00

Harry Cooper Memorial Fund
Ottawa Talmud Torah Financial Assistance Fund 200.00

Norman and Sonia Kizell Foundation
United Jewish Appeal 500.00

Sylvia and Louis Rubin Charitable Fund
Laniado Hospital — Netanya 100.00

Moe Slack Memorial Fund
Student Scholarship, Ottawa Talmud Torah 500.00

Sam Zaret Memorial Fund
Camp B'nai B'rith Scholarship Fund 550.00

Harry Levitan Endowment Fund
United Jewish Appeal 100.00

Nathan and Yetta Hochberg Memorial Fund
United Jewish Appeal 100.00

B'nai B'rith Ottawa Lodge No 885 Memorial Fund
Ottawa Jewish Community Endowment and Bequest Foundation 500.00

Montefiore Club Foundation
United Jewish Appeal 1,500.00

Simon and Thelma Ritt Memorial Fund
Ottawa Talmud Torah Israeli Scholarship 450.00

During the past year, the Kovod Fund was started to accept small donations to honor some person on a simcha or for memoriams. There are now 35 Funds in the Foundation.

The Professional Advisers Committee held a successful Seminar for professionals on December 14, 1977. Arthur Drache, Gerald Levitz, Bernard Shinder, Stuart Levine and Alan Freed were the panelists. This Committee plans a Money Management Seminar early this fall for both men and women.

The Officers and Directors are hopeful that this growth of the Foundation will continue, and provide a valuable source of additional revenue to the Jewish Community of Ottawa.

1978 United Jewish Appeal of Ottawa

Sol Shinder, General Chairman

This report is being written in the closing stages of the 1978 United Jewish Appeal. Though we started late, for reasons beyond our control, I believe it has been a good campaign. Although still too early to predict precisely where we will end up, I estimate that we should reach pledges of about \$2,250,000, or roughly 7 to 8 per cent ahead of the total subscribed in 1977. In light of economic factors and other considerations, I feel this will have been a credible showing.

A year ago, under Alfred Friedman's leadership, new ground had been broken in broadening the base of giving. The goal of the 1978 campaign was to expand on that concept. I am reasonably satisfied that this has been accomplished. The major donors continue to lead the way but it is encouraging to see the way in which younger business men and professionals are assuming leadership as givers and workers in the campaign.

The campaign was formally inaugurated with a Pacesetters Dinner on April 1. A good deal of advance canvassing preceded the event and the value of this technique was reflected in the attendance and in the results tabulated after the evening was over.

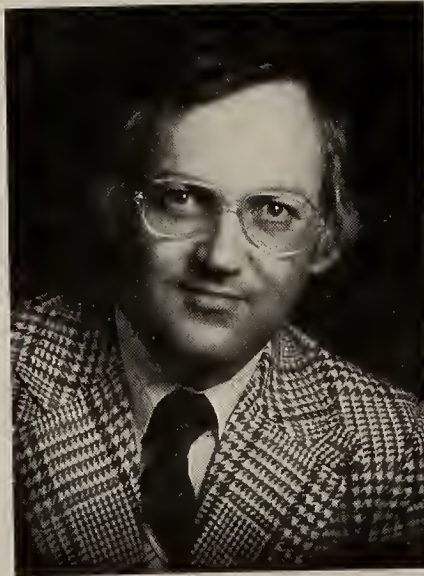
Campaign functions are necessary because they establish targets but the real work must be done beforehand in teams of two. We did not have a Campaign Leadership Practicum this year, preferring instead to allow a one-year break before re-introducing the program in 1979.

The United Jewish Appeal functions through a number of operating divisions. Special Names and Major Gifts prospects of \$2,500. and over are handled on an individual basis. The rest of the general campaign is divided into trade and professional divisions including Construction & Real Estate, Retail, Academics, Medical, Dental, Food, Legal & Financial, Services, Metro and Young Adults. The Women's Division has its specific responsibilities as does the Public Service Division. Both are leading this year's effort in card coverage and percentage of increase over last year.

This year, for the first time, the Walkathon was placed under the umbrella of the campaign cabinet. The Walkathon has tremendous potential both in terms of dollars which it can generate and as an expression of solidarity with the people of Israel. The thrust for the walk on June 18 is for family participation.

At the divisional level, worker recruitment and training is the basic ingredient to successful canvassing. People are willing enough to lend a hand but not all of them will give the time it takes to become good solicitors. We were fairly effective this year in our one large worker-training evening for all divisions but in retrospect, I am inclined to think that we might do better by concentrating on smaller groups. The real trick, however, remains in getting all of the canvassers to come out. Since the solicitor is so central to a campaign, I am beginning to think that cards should not be given to anyone who is unwilling to give the minimum time required to learn the facts so that he or she can transmit them to others properly. In this regard, we may well learn a lesson from our Women's Division which places more stress on education and training than do the men.

In the interests of economy, divisional functions were not held this year. The one exception was the Annual Dinner of the Public Service Division which attracted more than 25 per cent of all the Jewish public servants in the city. Singled out for tribute this year were the Honourable Herb Gray and Dr. John Katzman.



An excellent relationship has existed between Ottawa and the Jewish Community of Pembroke for many years. This is expressed in an annual visit on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal and in other contacts during the course of the year in which we try to be as helpful to them as we can. Although the community only numbers some fifteen families, they are highly committed to the campaign and its objectives. There are a sprinkling of families in other valley towns and they, too, are contacted on a personal basis.

Our efforts are now being directed to covering the balance of the outstanding cards as quickly as possible. This becomes more difficult as the warmer weather sets in but we are keeping on top of the situation and hope to close within the next few weeks with all of our prospects covered and committed.

I have purposely omitted names because it would be impractical to list all of those whose contribution has had such an impact on the 1978 campaign effort. Allow me therefore to express my gratitude to all of the workers, donors, and staff whose input has been so central to whatever success has been achieved.



United Jewish Appeal — Women's Division

Dorothy Nadolny, Chairman

The 1978 Women's Division opened the season with a Heritage Day Bus Tour on January 17. It was an educational day planned for the Presidents of Women's Organizations. The focus was on our local agencies including the Jewish Community Centre, Vaad, Hillel Academy, University Affairs and the Jewish Home for the Aged. It was well-planned, well-received and considered very effective.

In February we had the first Women's Division Practicum with Steve Schiffman of New York. The results in dollar increases convinced us that this is something we should consider doing again.

There were several reports on the first U.I.A. Women's Division Mission to Poland, Roumania and Israel during the month of March, and each time we were delighted with the results and the numbers of new people getting involved. We realize the importance of spreading the base.

The month of May was devoted to Women's Division. Every Tuesday was "ours" and we tried to make the most of each occasion. We had a Double-Your-Pledge at the Israel Embassy Residence, a visit to the Lowy Exhibit at the National Archives, a tour of Israel Art at the National Arts Centre, a Todah Rabah Luncheon at my home and the usual Phone-a-Thon to cover the balance of our 2,500 cards.

I am pleased to report that to press time we have covered almost 1,600 cards for a total of more than \$139,000. This represents an increase of more than 14 per cent over 1977 on a card-by-card basis.

All canvassers and Chairmen are now in the process of completing and collecting the outstanding cards and we anticipate finishing off by the end of the month.

I want to thank my campaign cabinet, the volunteer canvassers and each and every donor to Women's Division for helping to make the 1978 campaign a successful one.

My two years as Chairman have been a rich and rewarding experience. I have found it a time of personal growth and am delighted to have had the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

I would also take this opportunity to wish the incoming Chairman every success. I am sure she will receive the same wonderful co-operation which made my task such a pleasant one.

Women's Committee

Simone Goldberg, Chairman

The Women's Committee of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir has a board of 22 members which include the presidents of all women's organizations in the community.

The main function of the Women's Committee is the clearance of the community calendar — a difficult job at the best of times. The 1977-78 calendar meeting, held in July, 1977, cleared all canvassing times and major organizational events for the period of September 77 to August 78. However at our October meeting, it was noted that there were already several date conflicts. It was decided that, in order to keep the community informed, a calendar of events would be regularly published in the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin and Review. This was begun immediately and ran until April of this year when, due to continued lack of organizational co-operation, plus lack of Bulletin space, it was discontinued.

In the past, Women's Committee has arranged Independence Day celebrations and, with its member organizations, has co-sponsored annual educational seminars. This year, due to our late start, it was agreed that we could only assume responsibility for Yom Haatzmaut. There is a separate report on this, but I would like to commend Chairman Rabbi Tanenbaum and all organizations and individuals who participated in this ambitious project.

The Ottawa Jewish community is rapidly growing and changing and our women's organizations have an increasingly important role to play. I feel that it is time to change the structure of the Women's Committee — perhaps to Women's Federation which operates successfully in other Canadian and U.S. communities — and suggest that this possibility be investigated at the earliest possible opportunity.

I have enjoyed serving as Women's Committee chairman for 1977-78 and thank the Board for its enthusiastic co-operation. I would also like to commend Hy Hochberg and Gittel Tatz for their unfailing support.

History and Archives Ottawa Jewish Historical Society

M. Sidney Green, Chairman

In an effort to show the community some of the results of our work, the past year has been one of heavy involvement with exhibitions. An impressive pictorial exhibition, "Looking Back" which portrayed early Jewish life in Ottawa was the result of a joint effort by our Society and the members of Heritage Ottawa. The exhibition was the first one of local Jewish subject matter to be exhibited outside the community, and was very well received by the general population and the local as well as the Toronto press.

Another popular exhibit, prepared for the Chanukah Book Fair, displayed photographs of early wedding couples and the early wedding gown of Mrs. Rose Pearlman. The gown is now with the Museum of Man.

More important is the constant work involved with gathering the records of Ottawa's Jewish past. Correspondence with past rabbis and leaders have resulted in many synagogue record books and photographs being returned to the Society for preservation.

This year, the National Council of Jewish Women, as well as the Histadrut League and Pioneer Women, submitted their past records for cataloguing and storage. It is our hope that other organizations in the community will gather their obsolete records and submit them to us. All permanent archives continue to be added to the Vaad Ha'ir Jewish Community of Ottawa Collection at the Public Archives of Canada.

The Society continues to maintain contacts with all Canadian historical societies and several American and Israeli groups. Five of our executive members attended the Learned Societies Conference in London, Ontario in May, where the Jewish Historical Society of Canada held two days of sessions. Our president, Mr. Sidney Green is the treasurer of the JHSC.

Eleven of our members spent a full day in Montreal in joint meeting with the Montreal Jewish Historical Society. Several historical institutions were visited that day as part of a busy itinerary. The visit to the Archives of the Jewish Public Library, and an address by Mr. Saul Hayes were the highlights of the day.

Many students and young people who visit our office at the Centre have become attracted to the resources available for research and private study. Mrs. S. Sharkay, a student at Carleton University who prepared a thesis, The Use of Yiddish in the Ottawa Valley, made good use of the Yiddish portions of collections in our care.

Next year the Society will strive to attract new members as volunteer workers to help in the work of selecting and cataloguing materials collected. I should like to thank our workers, Miss Freda Carlofsky, Mr. Hugo Levendel, Mr. Lazarus Greenberg, Mrs. Sari Green, Mrs. Shirley Berman, and particularly Mrs. Helen Beiles who tendered our Purim luncheon meeting at her home.

Pensions Committee

Sol M. Shmelzer, Chairman

The Ottawa Jewish Community Employees Pension Plan has not been as successful as we had hoped due to a number of factors:

1. The increasing average age and salary of employees. There are now three Talmud Torah, five Jewish Community Centre, six Vaad Ha'ir and two Congregation Beth Shalom employees enrolled, with an annual employers' contribution of approximately \$15,000.00
2. The failure of some of the participating agencies to require mandatory participation of new employees in the plan.
3. The dramatic alteration in thinking relating to the investment of pension plan funds away from total commitment to the equity market.

During the past six months, the pension committee has been actively engaged in the following areas:

1. Meeting with participating organizations with a view to resolving the problem of participation.

2. Investigating the creation of an attractive and mandatory package of employee benefits involving pension plan, group life insurance, disability insurance and health plan which should assist participating organizations in the hiring of new employees and cause the pension plan to expand in participating members and thus become more viable.

3. A review of certain of the provisions of the pension plan itself with a view to alteration of certain of the provisions.

4. Considering an alteration in the investment mix of pension fund assets now totaling approximately \$125,000.00 which has resulted in the investment mix being approximately 55 per cent in equity, 20 per cent in bonds and 25 per cent in mortgages.

Ottawa Vaad Hakashruth

Dr. Baruch Dlena, Chairman

The Ottawa Vaad Hakashruth has the responsibility of ensuring that kosher meat and fowl are available in the Jewish community; of engaging shochtim and supervising shechita; of providing hashgacha for the institutions under its jurisdiction; of enhancing the observance of kashruth through education and other means; and of co-operating with bakeries, caterers, camps and other establishments in their observance of kashruth.

Supervisory responsibility for kashruth rests with the Rabbinical Committee of the Vaad Hakashruth. The lay board deals with financial matters and enacts regulations on the recommendation of the Rabbinical Committee. It is made up of representatives of Synagogues and the community-at-large.

As is evident from its mandate, the Vaad Hakashruth is an ongoing operation with day-to-day responsibilities. Much of the work is carried on by mashgichim (kashruth supervisors) at the abattoirs, the kosher butcher shop, the Jewish Community Centre, Hillel Lodge, the various synagogues in the community, Hillel Academy and at Rideau Bakery.

There are problems which crop up all the time and these have been resolved by sitting down and working them out. At this point in time, arrangements are being discussed with camps in the area to ensure kashruth observance. Passover brings its own requirements and the body was involved in the production of milk and soft drinks as in the past.

The cost of kosher meat is a continuing concern as it has been for many years. We are faced with a limited market and generally high costs in the meat industry. We are addressing the problem but it is unrealistic to think that kosher meat can match the price of non-kosher cuts.

In the meantime, the Vaad Hakashruth has become increasingly convinced about the need for a more aggressive educational program to promote the consumption of kosher products and a number of ideas are being considered, including a kashruth seminar and demonstrations of various kinds in the major supermarkets in the city.

I close by expressing thanks to the clergy and the lay members of my Committee for their assistance and guidance during the past year.

Ottawa Jewish Bulletin & Review

Gerald A. Berger, Chairman

The Ottawa Jewish Bulletin & Review has been appearing in its present format and regularity since the fall of 1976. At that point in time a decision was taken to publish every two weeks from September through June and once each in the months of July and August. I am pleased to say that this schedule has been maintained and that twenty-two issues have appeared in the period under review.

The feed-back would seem to indicate that the Bulletin is being read and that its value as an instrument for education and information is growing. One of the key factors is its regularity of appearance. Another is the attempt to reflect all of the elements of Jewish communal endeavour within its pages. A third reason for reader acceptability could well be the use of the Bulletin to announce forthcoming events, thus eliminating the individual mailings which used to plague most of us in former years.

Latest figures available on the cost of producing the paper show that we spent about \$25,000. in the past year on printing, photography, postage, salaries and advertising commissions. About \$7,500. was received in advertising revenues and about \$4,500. came in from reimbursements for space used by beneficiary agencies, for a total of \$12,000. Net cost, therefore, is \$13,000., most of which would have been spent in any event on individual announcements and mailings.

The Bulletin is now produced by a part-time co-ordinator with a healthy assist from the other members of the full-time staff of the Vaad. Getting it out every two weeks is a major effort. If the paper is to achieve its potential, we may, at some point in time, have to consider increasing our co-ordinator's hours.

Our Standing Committee on the Bulletin & Review is relatively new, having begun to function only in late February. These are our terms of reference: "To meet from time to time to consider editorial policies; to develop guidelines for frequency of issue, format, content and coverage; to propose advertising policies and regulations; to prepare the annual budget; and to make recommendations to the Officers and Board of Trustees on these matters. Responsibility for the publication of the paper within the approved framework shall be assumed by staff. The Committee shall be composed of a Chairman named by the Officers of the Vaad and five members selected by the Chairman and confirmed by the Officers".

My committee and I have begun to address these issues and will be submitting recommendations to the Officers and Board of Trustees from time to time.



U.J.A. Budget & Allocations Committee

David Loeb, Chairman

The U.J.A. Budget & Allocations Committee has the responsibility of analyzing programs and budgets of the beneficiary agencies of the United Jewish Appeal and of recommending the allocation of campaign income to the Officers, Executive Committee and Board of Trustees. Because of the importance of its tasks, the Committee is composed of the Officers of the Vaad and of campaign and senior community leadership.

In order to come up with recommendations for the distribution of 1977 campaign income, the members of the Committee spent more than twenty hours each in an all-day meeting and two subsequent sessions. They had received in advance copies of the audited financial statements and budgets of all of the agencies. Most of the time was taken up in reviewing this documentary material with representatives of each group. These exchanges are a necessary part of the budgetary process because they go beyond the figures in determining philosophy, purpose and priority of the services provided.

On the basis of our examination and discussion, my Committee made recommendations respecting the disposition of 1977 campaign income. The proposals were approved by the Board of Trustees. The analysis by agencies together with a breakdown of campaign expenses will be available at the Annual Meeting on June 21. Copies can be obtained from the Vaad office in the Jewish Community Centre building.

For purposes of this report however, I would like to point out that after deducting campaign expenses and a shrinkage allowance, just under two million dollars was available for distribution to the beneficiaries. Of this amount, 65.3 per cent was allocated to the United Israel Appeal for Israel and national services in Canada. Local community services accounted for the remaining 34.7 per cent. Of this amount, Jewish education received 16.1 per cent; cultural and recreational agencies, 12.1 per cent; and communal and social services, 6.5 per cent.

The basic problem we face in the distribution of campaign income is the attempt to reconcile our responsibilities to Israel on the one hand with the need to maintain a viable Jewish existence in our own community on the other hand. On occasion, painful decisions have to be made. There is never enough money to satisfy all of the requests and the only way we make do with what we have is by establishing priorities. Even so, there is a limit beyond which we cannot go, resulting in deficit financing by several of our Ottawa-based institutions. That short-fall now exceeds \$250,000. and we cannot allow it to go on without taking serious steps to bring about its retirement.

Our experience over the course of the past few years clearly indicates that budgeting and planning is not a one, two or even three session exercise but rather one which must be tackled on a year-round basis. Consultation and dialogue are the essential ingredients for effective planning. To that end, we have already set into motion plans for the kind of budgetary review which will produce information before and not after the fact.

I wish to thank the members of my Committee for their diligent application to the job with which we were entrusted.

Leadership Development Committee

L. Gerald Levitz, Chairman

1. Terms of Reference:

To recruit young men and women with potential for Community Leadership, to develop a program which will give the participants an understanding of the dynamics of Jewish Community organization and overall needs and goals; to provide opportunities for education and discussion leading to a positive Jewish identification; to arrange for placement on boards and committees on completion.

2. Profile of the group:

- (a) Roughly between ages of 25 - 40.
- (b) Some single.
- (c) Some married couples.
- (d) Some husbands only.
- (e) Generally info professional or business careers.
- (f) Approximately 28 members.

3. Group to continue to March, 1979.

4. Group has selected a steering committee consisting of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Scribe and four members-at-large. Primary purpose of the steering committee is to assist with programming and the continuity of the group.

5. Programming to date:

1978	Topics
February	Overview of the Jewish Community.
March	United Jewish Appeal
April	Jewish Rate
May	Israel Today-
June	The Holocaust

6. Future monthly programs will include:

- Jewish Education
- Visit to Camp B'nai B'rith
- Social Services in the Community
- Budgeting and Financial Planning
- Religion and the Jewish Identity
- Community Relations

7. The scribe for the group has compiled a kit containing:

- (a) Profile of the Jewish Community of Ottawa
- (b) List of synagogues, organizations and institutions in Ottawa.
- (c) List of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir executive and standing committees.
- (d) Constitutions of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir.
- (e) Pamphlets, organization charts and campaign material for the United Jewish Appeal.



Yom Ha-Atzmaut

Rabbi Roy D. Tanenbaum, Chairman

To celebrate the Thirtieth Anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel, the Ottawa branch of the Canadian Zionist Federation and the Women's Committee of the Jewish Community Council in conjunction with other organizations, staged a three day "Israelifair" at the Jewish Community Centre May 8, 9, 10. In sum, the event, especially in view of the limited time frame in which the programme was conceived and carried out, was judged to have been a success. It was an imaginative project built on showing the many faces of Israel to the Jewish and general community. The central feature, the market place, was complemented by a kibbutz watchtower and exhibit, and Israeli cafe, Yad VaShem, the "Western Wall," and art and fashion boutique, and several exhibits attractive to the casual onlooker and scholar alike, including: stamps and coins, archeological artifacts, library, religions of Israel, "Dead Sea Scrolls," a Negev Bedouin cultural display, and a scale model replica of the Old City of Jerusalem. The Market included a food mart, furniture, wines, flowers, art, ceramics, wall hangings, hardware, games, needlecraft, fish, jewelry, books, records, and religious items. Corridor walls were lined with the projects and handiwork of our school children. Scheduled events included a merchants' preview, dignitaries reception, official opening, Rummikub tournaments, films, lectures, guided tours, a maccabiah, davvening at the "Wall," a Thanksgiving service and Gala Celebration.

Virtually the entire Jewish elementary school population visited the fair: around 550 youngsters from Hillel Academy, Ottawa Modern Jewish School, Ottawa Talmud Torah Afternoon School and Star of David School. Approximately 150 youngsters from the public and separate schools were guided through the two floors of exhibits and displays. It is estimated that teen and adult attendance was about 1800: 400 opening night, 400 all day Tuesday, and close to 1000 on Wednesday. It is guessed that 100-200 of these were non-Jews.

The impact of Israelifair extended beyond those in attendance. Excellent media coverage brought Israel's cultural and economic progress as reflected in the exhibits and in the goods and crafts for sale, into the homes of the general community. The ceremonies and commemorative postal cover elicited statements of support from various levels of government who were made aware of Israel's cultural scope and economic versatility. Finally, the spirit generated, especially on the first and last evenings, contributed to the overall impact of Israelifair.

Financial:

Preliminary accounts indicate a gross sale of approximately \$10,000 worth of Israeli goods, generating some net income, but more importantly, fostering the sale of merchandise from Israel in the Ottawa area. \$1250 is receivable from booth sponsors, and \$1300 from Opening Night programme sponsors. \$2750 is receivable from organizations who were asked to contribute, as in previous years, to help offset expenses. This income is expected to cover the expenses, though unremitted receivables would necessitate an outlay from the Vaad.

Critique:

The project benefited by a clear vision and purpose which guided decisions throughout its development; it suffered from limited time which led to some rough edges and lack of depth in some areas. The committee thinks there was also not enough time allotted at the beginning and end of the fair for the actual physical set-up and dismantling.

The committee judges the media coverage to have been excellent, certainly as much as could be expected to be received within the context of a Jewish Community Centre event. With more lead time, more extensive advance publicity could be organized, and posters could be on the streets earlier.

Dividing the ceremonies into two, one for "official speeches," the other for "Thanksgiving" was deemed to have been a fortuitous decision. Each programme should be kept to 20-30 minutes. Some think that the Thanksgiving service should be simply that without a ma-ariv; all agree that it should be without a minheh. We are indebted to Beth Shalom Synagogue for having provided Israelifair with the Thanksgiving service booklets.

The need for a dignitaries reception before the official opening was questioned by the committee. All were agreed that the location in the adult lounge was unfortunate.

The merchants' preview was judged to have suffered from a lack of "wooing time." The maccabiah suffered from the fact that the youth group in charge was without a leader at the crucial time. Centre staff and committee liaison, who may have filled the gap, were not quick enough. As a result, no age categories or special publicity went out.

Task assignments by organizations was questioned. All organizations did not come through; staffing and decoration was decidedly weak. One group persisted in working at cross purposes to the goals established by the steering committee.

A three day fair in the context of the Jewish Community Centre only was questioned. It was also judged unfortunate that the cultural aspects of the fair were located away due to the nature of the physical facility, and were limited by the religious requirements of sefira. It was unanimously agreed that the volume of sales was as large as could be expected in the context of a JCC event.

Recommendations:

The committee recommends a continuation of the fair as a means to publish Israeli life and promote its wares. It feels that the work this year was a dry run for something better, and that with a full year of planning, an effort worthy of the entire Ottawa community can be mounted.

Tasks should be assigned by individuals rather than organizations.

Cash registers would be helpful; more pictures should be taken. A press liaison should be present at all times, and guides should be available throughout the duration of the fair.

Thought should be given to staging the fair in a public place outside the Jewish Community Centre such as the Civic Centre, the Nepean Sportsplex, or a vacant department store in a shopping centre. It is thought that the additional rental costs would be more than offset by added sales resulting from increased attendance by the general community. In addition, show cases and clothes and display racks are often available, and the entire fair could be housed in one room. If necessary, the gala could still be held at the Centre.

It is also recommended that grants from the Secretary of State, and the services of a commercial agency in New York City to manage Israeli Fairs, be investigated.

Thanks are due to the Vaad officers and personnel for their support and dedication, and to the Centre staff and maintenance crew, for their co-operation in implementing what was a new and experimental programme. Special thanks also to members of the Steering Committee: Lou Avron, Belle Eckstein, Simone Goldberg, Martin Gordon, Pearl Greenberg, Gladys Greenberg, Gloria Hanff, David Loeb, Zelaine Shinder, and all of the organizations who participated so diligently in making their assigned areas a success.

Israel Shaliach

Hillel Brustin

During the last year I worked on several projects both in the J.C.C and outside it.

1. Students

Together with Jim Shalom the Israeli Drop in Centre was organized, at the Histadrut Centre. There were 12 get-togethers during the year. Thirty to fifty people attended each gathering. Every meeting had a different theme. Each topic was related to some contemporary Jewish subject. In addition, the programs were varied; they consisted of lectures, Israeli dancing, slide shows and movies. Israeli food was served regularly. Norma Rothman was kind enough to allocate some of her J.S.U. funds for the Drop in Centre.

2. Dissengoff Cafe

As part of the activities of the J.C.C. I organized two Israeli cultural evenings which were augmented by Israeli food. The first was part of an Israeli Dance Workshop which was arranged by Merle Adams which featured the famous Israeli dancer and choreographer Moshiko Halevi. At the end of the dance lessons more than 100 young people came to the Dissengoff Cafe. Its program included Israeli dancing and films. The atmosphere was enjoyable and the program continued to a very late hour. The second evening was devoted to folk songs featuring a duo from New York called the East West Duo. Next year I plan to continue and expand programs of this nature.

3. Dror Habonim Movement

As the shaliach from Israel I am responsible for the Dror youth movement in Ottawa. This movement is associated with the Kibbutz Hamechud Movement in Israel. Most of the activities took place on Friday evenings at the Histadrut Centre in Ottawa. There are one hundred members in Ottawa with an average of about forty participating each week. The children are divided into two groups according to two ages and every group has its counsellor or madrich. The program is rich with Jewish content, kabbalat shabbat, holiday programs, Soviet Jewry programs, discussions, dances, songs, movies and slide shows. In addition, intercity seminars held with groups from Montreal and Toronto were held frequently. On Independence Day the Dror group built the Stockade and Tower model which was featured at the Independence Day Fair.

Programs to Israel

I am the C.Z.F. representative in Ottawa. 10 young people and students from Ottawa will be participating in one of the C.Z.F. programs in Israel this summer.

Kibbutz Programs

This year there is a new program called Kibbutz community. One Ottawa family will be participating. The program includes living on a kibbutz for three weeks and a tour of the country and a seminar for two weeks. The family's children are placed in the appropriate children's house and the parents will be working in the kibbutz.

Garin Yarden

A third Garin (group) from North America is being established and will be going to Israel in 1979. Hillel Brustin is the co-ordinator for the Ottawa area. Several Ottawa people have shown interest.

Aliyah and Volunteers

Regular interviews for aliyah were held throughout the year. Both students and non-students from Ottawa are attempting ulpanim or working on kibbutzim as volunteers. About 100 people went to Israel on these programs.

Zionist Affairs

Rabbi Roy D. Tanenbaum, Chairman

The major accomplishment this year was the reformulation of the Ottawa branch of the Canadian Zionist Federation after several years of dormancy as a means to co-ordinate Zionist programming and promote Zionist goals. Activities were divided into six desks: Tourism, Aliyah, Education and Culture, Information and Programme, Youth and Hechalutz, and Israel Trade.

Membership stands at about 1300 individuals: 250 newly enrolled in the general membership by Chairman Irving Altman; about 100 in Kadimah, the newly created Zionist wing of Reform Judaism; with the balance distributed among the pre-existing constituent organizations: Hadassah Wizo, Histadrut, Mizrahi Men, Mizrahi Women, and Na'amat; each of which will present their own reports.

CZF maintains, in addition, an ongoing liaison with the Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation, the Canada-Israel Committee, the Jewish National Fund, and State of Israel Bonds, each of which should also have their own reports.

A major event was the Twenty-ninth International Zionist Congress in Jerusalem. In connection with this event, CZF in Ottawa heard and discussed reports on the recent Commission of Enquiry with respect to Canadian Olim, making recommendations to its constituent groups.

In Honour of Israel's 30th Anniversary, the CZF in Ottawa, in conjunction with the Women's Committee of the Vaad, and other organizations and synagogues, carried out an ambitious project in the form of an Israelifair reported upon separately.

Budget for all activity, except Israelifair, was received from the National office of CZF.



AGENCY REPORTS

Ottawa Talmud Torah Board

Henry Molot, Chairman
Board-Operated Schools

The Talmud Torah Board maintains the largest Jewish educational system in the Ottawa-Carleton region. To that end the Board operates and offers:

(1) Hillel Academy - a Jewish Day School offering full Hebrew and General Studies programmes including French Instruction (complying with Ontario Ministry of Education curricula guidelines) from Junior Nursery to grade VIII.

(2) The Afternoon School Talmud Torah - a full afternoon Hebrew school. The curriculum offers 6½ hours per week instruction of Hebrew studies to public school students from kindergarten to grade VIII.

(3) A Bar Mitzvah programme for boys approaching the age of 13 in Hillel Academy and the Afternoon School.

(4) A special programme of Jewish education for children with learning disabilities.

(5) The Afternoon Hebrew High School - a 12 credit programme of afternoon and evening courses offered to High School students.

Enrolment and Facilities

This year Hillel Academy has had an enrollment of 310, the Afternoon School 110, and the Afternoon Hebrew High School 35. While the Afternoon School operates exclusively at the Board's West End Branch, Hillel Academy holds its classes at both the West End Branch and the Central School. At the moment the day school is making full use of all classroom space at both Branches. In the meantime, registration for the 1978-79 school year indicates both a significant growth in overall enrolment as well as a student distribution that will require expanding the number of classes at Hillel. At the same time, operating a single day school out of two separate facilities quite far from one another is productive of inefficiencies in administration and finances and creates severe transportation difficulties for students, parents and teachers.

The All-Day Trilingual Kindergarten which began only two years ago has now become an

integral part of the Hillel programme. A very high proportion of the students in the Kindergarten - as indeed throughout the school - are enrolled for the coming school year.

Funding

The costs of running the schools and programmes of the Board are covered for the most part by tuition fees paid by the parents; allocations from the UJA, the Epstein Foundation and the Ottawa Endowment and Bequest Foundation; and donations received from Jewish charitable organizations in Ottawa. Costs, though kept to the bone, not unexpectedly have continued to rise at Hillel in particular and tuition fees have risen to meet the increased expenditures. With UJA allocations kept at a constant dollar figure for the past three years, the financial burden of running the Board's operations is being shared more equally now by the Vaad Ha'Ir and the parents whose children attend the schools and programmes.

Temple Israel Religious School

Teena Hendelman, Chairman

The Temple Israel Religious School in 1977-78 served the educational needs of 139 Jewish students in Grades K-10. Some of these students are being provided with a unique Jewish affiliation, which they might not access if not available through the Temple Israel facilities. Our students come to us from many geographical areas of the National Capital Region. For some, their attendance at Religious School provides them with their only social contact with other Jewish children and adults within a Jewish setting.

Although affiliation and communication are essential objectives, it is the direct education and transmission of our Jewish heritage which is the challenge of any Jewish school. Temple Israel Religious School meets that challenge with a curriculum rich in the history, prayer, and lore of Judaism. The Kindergarten curriculum centres on creating a Jewish environment, with an introduction to the symbols of the Jewish home and synagogue as well as to basic Hebrew vocabulary. In Grades 1 and 2, there is more emphasis on Jewish holidays, with accompanying Hebrew vocabulary, on bible stories, and on the development of the meaning of the "Shema". The Grades 3 and 4 course of study concentrates on the study of Israel and the Hebrew Language through textbooks and the Siddur, as well as further study of holidays and the Jewish life cycle. In Grades 5 and 6, students are introduced to the study of prayer, the Writings, and the Holy Scriptures. In the upper grades, students study Jewish history, customs, and literature as well as specifically Reform Jewish concerns, and comparative religion.

Temple Israel Religious School continues to enjoy parental support and involvement, which we hope to expand in the coming year. Many of our teachers are also members of the Temple and or parents of our students. Our Rabbi's involvement is unsurpassed as Director of Education, teacher, member of the School Board, and parent.

One of the successes of this past year was to maintain the involvement of our graduates in the school. To that end, we provided an excellent student-teacher programme for the graduates under the guidance of a capable instructor. Further development of the student-teacher programme is planned for the coming year.

Temple Israel Religious School is proud to be one of the schools moving in a forward Jewish direction with the other schools and agencies of the Ottawa Jewish Community.

Jewish Community Centre

Irving Rivers, President

The Jewish Community Centre has been given the mandate of developing and implementing the informal educational, recreational and health and physical education programs for the entire Jewish community and making it available to all ages and both sexes, regardless of geographic location, synagogue affiliation and economic status.

During the past year of my administration, the Centre has continued its restructuring as an independent agency. An active Board has constantly brought forth new ideas and new solutions for action. In October, 1977 elections were held to nominate members of the Board for the coming year, and the Board has met regularly, the first Tuesday of each month. Standing Committee Chairmen were selected to cover the program areas of Health and Physical Education, Adult Education, Youth Services, and Health Club operations. In addition, the separate Membership Committee and House Maintenance Committee were formed and became an active part of Centre's picture.

During the past year, we activated our computer budgetary process, and monthly membership statistics and financial statements became available. Monthly reports from the staff kept the Board up to date with all facets of our programs.

The following areas have been dealt with by the Centre during the past year:

1. A new kitchen is now operational. Revenues for the kitchen remodeling are being generated by bingos that are currently being run every Thursday night by combined committees of Beth Shalom and the Centre.

2. Repairs have been completed of major portions of the roof over the school. Caulking of all windows around the building was completed and repainting of all outside window-sills was done.

3. Presently we are undertaking renovation and installation of a new hardwood floor in the Auditorium. Revenues for this project will also be taken from bingo.

The joint House Committee from the Centre, Talmud Torah, Beth Shalom and Vaad Ha'Ir met from time to time to share in the decision-making processes which affect all the tenants in our building. At the present time, the Centre and the school are meeting to try to reach some operative choices concerning the future growth of the school. The Vaad and the Centre reached an agreement towards the equal sharing of the cost of running the building.

Through the efforts of members of the Board, as well as input from staff, membership has grown steadily during the year to a point where we now have 410 units, comprising 1005 members.



I would like to note with great satisfaction and appreciation that I have received tremendous support from my fellow Board members. It was through the committee structure that most of the decision-making processes took place.

We successfully introduced the Sports Camp component to our summer camping program. Our Day Camp has enjoyed great support and operates at capacity. Our West-End Physical Fitness classes have continued their popularity, and we have had a great successes in the area of exercise classes, racquetball and handball participation and, of course, our Junior and Teen-age Floor Hockey League. The Noon Physical Fitness classes, Winter Ski program, and the development of special Women's Weight Control classes all have been well received this year. The Health Club continues its full membership, and our once a month Friday luncheons are the high-light for many of our members. We have been very successful in developing our Pre-school Nursery Gym program with over sixty women and children participating.

The Centre is administering both the Jewish Men's and Jewish Women's Softball Leagues. I must not forget the outstanding services provided by our Physical Education staff to Hillel Academy in the running of their physical education program.

The Centre continued to offer special courses in Hebrew language instruction. We housed and helped to co-ordinate the community wide Jewish Adult Education series. We sponsored the "Here Is Israel" musical review as well as co-sponsoring with the P T A of the Hillel Academy the highly successful Hassidic Folk Festival. The Centre's Annual Jewish Book Fair was conducted in November with over two thousand books on display. Most recently, the Centre housed Israeli Trade Fair, and again our staff played an important co-ordinating role.

The Golden Age Program, under the joint sponsorship of the Jewish Community Centre and the Council of Jewish Women, continues to meet every Monday afternoon at the Centre. Support services are being provided by our staff to meet the needs of single adults in the community. Most recently a dinner dance was held at a local restaurant with over eighty young adults present.

The Centre, through the services of our Israeli Shaliach, has been able to provide our community information about aliyah and to make necessary arrangements for those interested in visiting Israel. Arrangements have been made for over hundred people going to various programs in Israel.

In the area of Youth Services, the Centre hired the full-time worker in November, and has reorganized its committees, and has begun an active planning for this age groups. We have renewed our working relationships with BBYO and provided them a room in the building. The "Stagger Inn" coffee house for teens was started up again, and an active junior high girls group was formed. Attendance in our Sunday-Funday junior program has been falling off, and our committee is on work trying to restructure this program.

In reviewing this year's Centre operations, we have found that there is an increase in the amount of organizations which continue to use the building for meetings, lectures and socials. In addition to this usage by the general community, the demands made by the synagogue and by the expanding school on the remaining limited space has increased. This is one of our main concerns, and serious discussions have taken place at the Centre's Board level as well as with the Vaad Ha'Ir, officers of Long Beth Shalom and officers of the Talmud Torah school about a future Centre. We continued to suffer from every increasing maintenance and building upkeep expenses. At the same time, we as a Centre are not able to expand to meet the competition which is growing up all around us in form of tennis clubs, swimming pools and modern and updated recreational buildings. The Centre remains land locked and tied to other institutions and, because of that, is unable to attract the majority of young Jewish families with children. These areas of concern have been discussed by our Board and lie at the cornerstone for any successful solution to our problems as a viable Jewish Community Centre.

Camp Gesher

Hillel Brustin, Director

This year Camp Gesher will be having its fifteenth season. Children attending the camp come from Ottawa, Toronto and Montreal. The camp belongs to the Krar and Hahonim Zionist movements. Gesher is well known for its excellent Jewish and educational programs stressing Jewish values and Israel. Hebrew songs and dances are taught and the Hebrew language is incorporated into many of the activities. Only kosher food is brought into the camp.

Three Israeli shilichim and their families attend the camp. Each shaliach was chosen on account of his high qualifications and underwent extensive preparation before coming to Canada.

The camp has an enrollment of 150 children, 60 of which come from Ottawa. The age of the campers runs from 9-16. There is a special C.I.T. program for children 14-15.

Many of the graduates of Gesher participate in the Camp Gesher in Israel program when they reach 16. The program includes touring the country, working on a kibbutz and participating in a leadership training seminar at the Kibbutz University of Eyal. 11 children will be participating in the program from Ottawa this year. The program also includes Israeli children so that the Canadians will get an opportunity to meet and mix with Israeli children their own age. The Camp Gesher in Israel program gives the children background and knowledge of current Jewish and Zionist problems, and prepares them to be the future leaders of the Movement during the school year and counsellors at the summer camp.

Camp Gesher is a non-profit camp. The fee only covers operating expenses. There is a parents' committee which gives out scholarships when necessary. This year the Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir was kind enough to give the camp \$1,500 for such scholarships.

One of the long range plans of the camp is to expand the dining hall and kitchen in order to accommodate more campers. In order to accomplish this, the camp will need contributions from outside sources since the income of the camp does not cover capital investments.



Camp B'nai B'rith of Ottawa

Martin Tatz, Chairman

This report will outline briefly how the Camp is administered; the activities of the 1977 season and a preview of our plans for 1978.

The Camp is owned and operated by Ottawa Lodge B'nai B'rith 885 and the Board is composed, in accordance with the Quebec Charter, of twelve paid up members. In addition, we invite representatives from the Vaad Ha'Ir and the rest of the Ottawa B'nai B'rith family of lodges and chapters. All of these constitute the voting Board members for the purpose of operating and decision making during the year which covers the period from October 1st to September 30. In addition, there is a Camp Administrator and a Camp Director plus a number of consultants who provide our medical, legal and architectural support as required. The Camp has been operating for thirty-two years on the present site and has grown from a small baby-sitting operation to be one of the best camps in the Canadian Camping Association.

The repair and overhaul of equipment and buildings, which commenced as usual immediately after the close of Camp in August, has progressed very well and will be completed in June in time for the start of the 1978 season on July 2nd.

Registration in 1977 totalled 360 campers for both periods and was held at these levels in accordance with our policy not to overcrowd any one camper category. As a result, a number of applications for certain categories were not accepted in May and June last year. This year both periods are now filled and there will undoubtedly be a few disappointed parents and children who have not yet applied.

The Ottawa and Valley residents are given preference for registration until January 15, after which applications are accepted on a first in basis. The Camp operates for seven weeks and campers may elect to go full time or either 3½ week period.

Rates for 1978 are:

	7 weeks	3½ weeks
Local	\$800	\$440
Out of Town	950	525

The fee is reduced by \$25.00 for each additional child for local residents only.

Programming

The objective of the Board over the years has been the development of a Program designed to provide the Camper with a complete all encompassing physical and cultural environment. In achieving this goal, we have developed a physical facility that meets the highest standards in the business. On the cultural side, under the supervision of the Camp Director and assisted by specialists, hired specifically for this purpose, great improvements were achieved. Campers participated in drama groups; Soviet Jewry and Israel interest groups were formed for discussion sessions. Friday night, Oneg Shabbat and Saturday morning services were held regularly and for those interested there were Davenning and Hebrew classes. This year arrangements have again been made for the addition of two Israeli specialists to provide Israel oriented programs. It is also planned to send a team to participate in the Macabee Games again this summer.

1978 Plans

In 1977 the tennis courts were resurfaced and all courts were provided with lights thus making them available for use after dark. The cost of this project was \$20,000. Four more bunks were renovated and made into com-

pletely self contained units at a cost of \$11,000. This program is a continuing one and eventually all bunks will be completely self contained. In 1977 photography instruction was added as an activity at a cost of \$5,000.

We attempt to operate the Camp on the same efficient basis as any well run business would be with the one difference that the camping needs of the Ottawa Jewish community are paramount. It is not easy to provide a Camp environment that satisfies all of the requirements of a community that includes Orthodox, Conservative and Reform ideologies. We believe that we have managed to meet most of the cultural needs, while at the same time building a physical environment that is considered to be among the top Camps in the Canadian Camping Association.

Physical Assets

In the past thirty-two years, the Camp has evolved physically from a few tents to a complex consisting of 36 bunk houses; special program rooms; a twenty bed infirmary complete with Doctor and Nurse; a large fully equipped gymnasium; an olympic size swimming pool; a modern kitchen serving strictly kosher meals; a mess hall capable of seating five hundred people at each meal; a large recreation hall; a canteen; a fully equipped arts and crafts center; a completely equipped photography room; tennis courts, a very complete waterfront facility providing sail boats; water-skiing, canoeing, with competent instruction in all areas; horseback riding and a laundry that operates five days a week. Each camper also receives \$1.25 per week towards canteen purchases. All of this is included in the fee at no extra charge including the transportation of children and baggage from Ottawa to Camp and return. Montreal children are bussed directly to Camp from Montreal and returned to a designated central pick-up point for an additional charge per child to cover the cost of transportation.

The Camp staff of one hundred and twenty-five includes a Director who supervises various specialists, unit heads, counsellors, groundsman, kitchen staff, medical staff and a Mashgiach.

The fixed assets as at September 30, 1977 amounted to \$663,927 plus long term, deferred and current assets for a grand total of \$758,769. Against this we had Accounts Payable of \$38,083.

Kashruth

This area is supervised by a Mashgiach and every effort is made to ensure that the food ordered, as well as the preparation and serving of the meals conforms to the requirements of the Ottawa Vaad Hakashruth.

Staffing

This function is handled by the Camp Director in accordance with the guidelines established by the Board and selection is made on merit out of the available personnel. The medical staff is hired by the Camp medical consultants Dr. Morris Resnick and Dr. William James.

Scholarships

Twenty-four scholarship fee adjustments were made in 1977 for a total of \$9,630. Those scholarships are granted to Ottawa residents only and are considered in strictest confidence by a small committee.

B'nai B'rith Women's Chapter No. 421

Vera Gara, Immediate Past President

Ottawa Chapter No 421 has 151 members. The meetings start in September and are held on the first Wednesday each month in the afternoon. All together we have eight meetings in a year. Once during this time we are having an evening meeting with Parliament Chapter. At this time our working members also have the possibility to attend.

Early spring we have a Sunday brunch. At all meetings we have interesting programs, panel discussions with key note speakers. This year we were fortunate to have Walter Baker MP and also Simma Holt MP.

Being a service organization we service the Civic Hospital Canteen the third Thursday of each month, morning and afternoon; and the blood donor clinic on the fourth Monday of each month.

Around Mothers day we entertain the Hillel Lodge residents.

We give a bingo once a year at the Institute of the Blind and at the Prley Hospital. On these occasions we also provide the refreshments. For the first time this year we took part in the Chanukah Fair at the JCC. Also we had a booth with Israeli clothing at the Trade Fair in May. For the second time, we had a very successful White Elephant Sale at the St Laurent Shopping Centre.

The highlight of the year is the Annual Dinner Dance, held in January. The Blossom Tea is our biggest fund-raiser, and this always takes place in the middle of June.

Parliament Chapter 1041 B'nai B'rith Women

Rena Moses, President

As a Chapter in the B'nai B'rith Women Organization our main function is service, both in the local community and in Israel.

Our meetings are held in the homes of our members where we plan our course of action for raising funds as well as exciting social events. We try to have informative and stimulating meetings, with guest speakers whenever possible who talk on a variety of interesting subjects.

Last year was no exception. Our Chapter took part in such community projects as the Boofair at the Centre, the local bazaars held annually at the shopping plazas such as Bayshore and the Merivale Mall. We sold raffle tickets galore, the prize being an enormous life-like doll, and we sold a large variety of knitted goods and white elephant items. All the money realized from these undertakings are rechannelled into the community and into our Group House and Childrens Home in Israel. Our commitment to the Civic Hospital Canteen is just one of our ongoing service projects.

Our Annual Tea is not only a fundraising venture but one of our social events and it always very well received and remembered.

Our social evenings such as last year's Nostalgia Night gives us an opportunity to have fun together.

We are always on the look out for new members and their ideas are constantly appreciated. The vitality and enthusiasm of our members is an example of the devotion of B'nai B'rith Women to service, by giving of ourselves for the benefit of those in need.

Our organization is "People Helping People" and to this goal we are committed.

Congregation Machzikei Hadas

Harry Rosenberg, President

5738 (1977-78) has seen the shul grow and consolidate its activities in a number of spheres. We have had a particularly active youth organization and this has led to an increased number of young people at our services. As evidence of this youth activity, during the year we hosted the annual National Conference of Synagogue Youth (NCSY) Shabbaton, with over one hundred teenagers spending from Friday afternoon to late Sunday night eating, learning, singing, dancing, and experiencing (many for the first time) Judaism in its most profound and happy sense. The program was highlighted with a concert given by the Shema Kolenu Band from Toronto.

Another vital part of our activities is the Junior Congregation, a group of children in the eight to twelve age range who have been ably conducting their own Sabbath morning services. On June 4th at the shul's annual general meeting, Junior Congregation was presented with "prizes" in recognition of their efforts and conscientious attendance.

Educational activities included a double Talmud class on Monday evenings, daily Halacha sessions between Mincha and Maariv, teen study group on Wednesday nights and Shabbos afternoon, Shalosh Seudot experiences with classes in Maimonides, and Melaveh Malkah lectures, and a breakfast club which has hosted many important communal leaders in the past few months.

An integral part of any shul is its Sisterhood and ours is no exception. In the past two years, our Sisterhood has grown perceptibly and its program of activities has accordingly become more ambitious. One highlight in an eventful year was our "Super-Sol" at the Jewish Community Centre Fair held to celebrate Israel's 30th Anniversary.

Our Pesach Seder, an event that is one of the community's most enjoyable, was well attended as usual. About 100 people celebrated the departure from Egypt. It should be noted that ever since Machzikei Hadas initiated the Passover community seder, many other shuls have adopted it as part of their program.

Purim featured a gala celebration, as did Simchas Torah and Chanukah. All of these accented the youth and involved them in the festivities, with attendances around 350 on the average. Purim also involved a Carnival set up by our youth. Attendance was well up to expectations, including a party from Hillel Lodge, who were guests of the shul.

A special highlight of the shul's calendar this year was the gala dinner, attended by over 300 people, to honor Mr. and Mrs. Saul Saslove. It was an exciting evening of deserving tribute to a couple who have endeared themselves to the shul and the entire community.

Fund-raising activities at the shul continue to involve many dedicated people, who are working extra hard in the face of mounting costs, decreasing revenues, and a substantial building debt.

Machzikei Hadas Sisterhood

Sally Taller, President

The Sisterhood of Machzikei Hadas Congregation had a very stimulating year, with bi-monthly meetings and activities. We created a varied, innovative program plan for 5738, 1977-78 season.

We have provided serious, enlightening, provocative programs, leavened with fun and fantasy. Dozens of persons, men and women, have been involved in various roles and stages.

Machzikei Hadas Sisterhood Executive 1977-78

Immediate Past President
President
Vice Presidents:

Treasurer
Recording Secretary
Financial Secretary
Corresponding Secretary
Registrars

Committees

Bingo
Bonds
Bulletin Editor
Festivals
Gourmet Baking

Funds (Bricks and Siddurim)
Gift Shop

House
Installation Dinner

Jewish Family Living

Hospitality

Programming
Publicity

Purim Refreshments
Shlach Manot
Slim'n Trim

Strawberry Festival Tea

Telephone

U.J.A.
Members-at-Large

This has been an inspiring year made possible by the collective efforts of many who have given their time, energies, and talents.

Temple Israel Sisterhood

Ellen Asherman, President

The year 1977-78 was an active, exciting one for Temple Israel Sisterhood. Our ever-growing membership has now reached 120 members. We meet once each month for a short business meeting followed by an interesting programme. This year the subjects ranged from nutrition and antiques to child-abuse. Aside from our monthly meetings, Sisterhood is busy throughout the year arranging the Oneg Shabbats which follow all our regular Shabbat services.

Highlighting this year's calendar of events were fund-raising projects, a gala Chanukah ball, and our Festival Tables programme. The latter is a project designed to educate and inform non-Jews about our festivals and Holy Days. Invitations were sent to teachers, churches and various organizations in the Ottawa community. The response was heart-warming and we have been requested to make this an ongoing project. The December production of Shalom Ottawa was devoted to our Festival Tables programme. At least once each year our Sisterhood is present at Citizenship Court to welcome and honour the newly sworn-in Canadians and serve refreshments.

Youth and education are two priorities of our Sisterhood. Funds raised are used to augment the religious school activities in whatever ways we can. At festival times the Sisterhood provides the necessary symbols, food and parties. We also contribute to our Temple's youth group with their worthwhile

projects and conventions. Our third area of concern is the building itself and much of our funds are turned over to the Temple to help beautify the building.

The board of Directors for the year 1978-79 was installed on May 16. Our guest speaker, Mrs. Eleanor May, a member of the Board of Directors of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, flew in from New York to perform the installation and address the ladies on the rewards of being an active and dedicated Sisterhood woman. It was an inspiring evening and the newly-elected Sisterhood Board of Officers and Directors are looking forward to another productive and exciting year.

Newly established as a permanent fixture in our building this year is our Judaica Shoppe of which we are very proud. We have a unique selection of Judaica items, books, jewelry and gift ideas available to the community at large as well as our membership.

Hillel Lodge Women's Auxiliary

Freda Carlofsky, President

The aim of the Women's Auxiliary is to make life a little more pleasant and comfortable for the residents, and to involve them in activities wherever possible. To help achieve this we provide parties and entertainment and distribute fruit, nuts and wine on Jewish holidays and festivals.

We started off the season with a picnic last July at the home of Mrs. Sam Nadolny, Constance Bay, which has become an annual event.

A general meeting was held in June and another in September 1977 at which time our guest speaker was Dr. Stanley Goldstein, Geriatric Psychiatrist at the Queensway-Carleton Hospital.

Birthday parties were held every three months at which time entertainment, refreshments and birthday cakes were provided. Gifts were distributed to residents whose birthdays fell within that period. A highlight of such a party was the one held on October 12 to honour Mrs. Elizabeth Benwick who reached her 99th birthday. Congratulatory messages were received from Governor General and Mrs. Leger, Prime Minister Trudeau and Mayor Lorry Greenberg and City Council.

The Women's Auxiliary also presented Mrs Benwick with a lovely Photo Album containing photographs of various events in which she appeared. There were vocal selections by Cantor Moshe Kraus, accompanied by Bertha Gurofsky and the Sproule Trio Orchestra. It was indeed a gala and memorable event.

A Chanukah party was held last December when Shirley Shildraut's popular songs were enthusiastically received. Gifts were distributed to all the residents and in view of the holiday season, to all the staff as well.

The residents enjoy Bingo twice weekly in the afternoons and the Women's Auxiliary provide the monetary prizes.

A dedicated group of women involve the residents every Wednesday morning in Arts and Crafts. In April a luncheon was given for these volunteer workers. This served a dual purpose of honouring the workers and at the same time presenting a gift to one of the workers, Miriam Goldstein, on her forthcoming marriage to Mr. Rosenfeld.

Funds are raised by means of spring and fall teas which are financially successful, as well as monies received from life memberships, sale of arts and crafts and other donations.

Eighteen full length mirrors have recently been installed in residents' bedrooms and plans are now underway to purchase a combination whirlpool bath and therapy tub.

Agudath Israel Congregation

Sol Kaiman, President

During the past year we passed a milestone in membership. There are now more than 500 family members at Agudath Israel.

Among the special Shabbatim held were those to honour the Synagogue choir, Veterans, Camp Ramah children, Hillel Academy students, Afternoon School students, and United Synagogue Youth (USY). A special Sabbath Kiddush was held to honour Cantor David Apotwitzer for 25 years of service to the Congregation and to the Jewish community of Ottawa.

Rabbi Joseph Carmi was engaged as Hazzan Shenl. Rabbi Roy Tanenbaum was chairman of the Yom Ha'Atzmaut observance for the Ottawa Jewish community and was instrumental in mounting a 3-day Israel Trade Fair.

Our U.S.Y. group acted as hosts to the Regional Convention in April, attended by some 300 youth.

The Men's Club continued to be an active arm of the Congregation. In addition to the Sunday breakfast meetings, the Men's Club provides breakfast for the daily minyan. Many Men's Club members are involved in the weekly Bingo — an important money-raising project for the synagogue. An abbreviated Sabbath service is held at the Civic Hospital Chapel the last Saturday of every month.

Agudath Israel Sisterhood

Inge Hoffman, President

The activities of the Agudath Israel Sisterhood, with a total membership of 500, have been many and varied this past year. Over 200 members were involved in the organization, functioning and smooth-running of the many areas of Sisterhood affairs in the course of the year. A comprehensive listing and explanation of Sisterhood functions and activities, which would be of ongoing usefulness, was compiled and a copy in the form of a newsletter was sent to each member. A second tapestry depicting the cycle of the Jewish Holidays was commissioned and designed by Goldie Spieler, and panels were distributed in September to 27 ladies for embroidery.

Our monthly meetings included the following activities:

In October one of our members, Shirley Berman, described some facets of the Jewish Historical Society in Ottawa and delighted her audience with glimpses into the roots of Ottawa's Jewish community.

In November Mrs. Ethel Kessler of Montreal brought along part of her unique collection of Chinese snuff bottles and presented a most interesting description of her highly unusual hobby.

Our Chanukah Gelt Donor Tea in December took the form of a cooking demonstration conducted by Mrs. Lillian Kaplun, well-known as the author of several cookbooks.

In January, Mrs. Fritz Frankel presented a fascinating talk based on the diary of Glueck of Hameln, a 16th century Jewess.

March featured Mr. Max Levy of Montreal who presented a slide show depicting the present lives of the Falasha Jews in Ethiopia.

At our annual Torah Fund Luncheon in April, Professor Gerald Cammy spoke about "The Future of the Jew in Quebec".

Sisterhood Installation took place on Saturday, June 17 during Shabbat Services at our Synagogue when Cally Kardash was installed as incoming President.

Following is a chronicle of Sisterhood activities during the year:

In the field of Adult Education, several ladies availed themselves of the opportunity to attend Bat Mitzvah classes conducted by Rabbi Tanenbaum and Cantor Aptowitzer. A "Value through Books" series, led by Shirley Berman, held several meetings in the fall.

Through the devoted and continuous efforts of many people, our Nearly New Shop runs smoothly on a 12-month basis. Our Gift Shop continues to expand its large variety of merchandise for every occasion. The Bingo canteen every Monday evening functions smoothly staffed by a group of devoted volunteers. - Thanks to the success of Sisterhood's fund-raising activities, we were extremely pleased not only to fulfill our agreed obligations to the Synagogue but also to contribute additional funds.

Sisterhood financed all youth activities (United Synagogue Youth and Junior Congregation) as well as a complete scholarship to Camp Ramah. Treats were distributed to all children attending Simhat Torah and Purim celebrations.

Additional social activities included a successful Art Auction, a square dance, a book review, a Purim Carnival for children and our annual Cinderella Ball.

Our participation at the Yom Ha'Atzmaut Israeli Fair consisted of the "Religions of Israel" Exhibit and we also participated in the Chanukah Gift and Book Fair. The monthly bulletin dedicated to Sisterhood affairs featured a new format chosen through an open competition.

Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation

Bernard Shinder, President

The Israel Art Festival held in May in the Salon of the National Arts Centre was one of several innovative activities of the Ottawa Branch of the Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation which achieved a record membership of 300 men and women in 1977-78.

Music, art and dance were featured extensively this season with programs including a collection of Canadian and Israeli works of art loaned by private collectors for the CICF membership function. Later in the year an evening of contemporary Israeli music was presented in co-operation with Ottawa University. The entire Ottawa community was invited to participate in the exciting Lawrence Freiman-Isaac Stern Luncheon at which \$22,000 was raised to establish a Scholarship Fund for talented students of the arts in Israel. The group ended its year with an outstanding exhibit of Israeli fine art in the Salon of the NAC, preceded by an introductory evening of the Art of Israel by Sara Vered. We supported the Bat Sheva Dance Company, and look forward to the fall visit of the National Choir of Israel — RINAT. Composer Tzvi Avni will visit Canada in October and November and a full recital of his works will be presented to the entire community on October 29.

The Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation serves to present Israel's remarkable endeavours to Canadians; assists Israel's artists to gain recognition in Canada; fosters the development of Israel's gifted artists through scholarship programs, and promotes cultural exchanges between Canada and Israel. Membership is available from Mrs. Myrna Barwin, 26 Okanagan Drive.

Labour Zionist Council of Ottawa

Harry Goldstein, Chairman

On behalf of the Labour Zionist Council of Ottawa, I wish to submit my report on our activities for the past year.

Our Annual Ottawa Histadrut Campaign was conducted under the capable chairmanship of Mr. Sam Schwartz and his hard-working committee. All monies raised were dedicated to building an Ottawa Student Dormitory in the Jewish Heritage Centre, which has been established opposite the Western Wall in Jerusalem. This Centre has been built for youth learning Judaism.

We are most grateful to the Ottawa Jewish community for so generously supporting our most successful campaign.

We published our 28th Annual Jewish Telephone Directory. Our dedicated and hard-working Pioneer Women, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Leslie Shinder, have done an outstanding job in publishing the 1978 Telephone Directory. This reference book is very well received in our community and is very much in use and very popular.

The Dror Habonim Group has expanded tremendously under the capable leadership of Hillel Brustin. To date, they boast over 100 memberships. The Labour Zionist Council pledges its full support to this Youth Group.

The Labour Zionist Council holds monthly meetings with representation from the Histadrut League, Pioneer Women and Dror Habonim Youth Group.

Our Council is instrumental in activating groups in our community endeavours, such as the Holocaust Memorial, United Jewish Appeal, Bonds and J N F Negev Dinner.

Ottawa Histadrut Campaign

Sam Schwartz, Chairman

The Chairman, Mr. Sam Schwartz, and his devoted committee of the 1978 Ottawa Histadrut Campaign conducted their 54th Annual Histadrut Campaign during the months of January and February.

Several well-attended meetings were held to organize our campaign and we wish to extend our sincere thanks to the many canvassers from the Histadrut League and the Pioneer Women.

A Blitz Telephone Canvass was organized by the Pioneer Women on Sunday mornings. This proved to be most successful and was well received by our contributors.

This year our campaign was dedicated to the construction of an Ottawa Student Dormitory in the Jewish Heritage Centre, which has been established opposite the Western Wall in Jerusalem. This Heritage Centre has been built for youth learning Judaism and the Jewish sources, as well as reducing the ignorance and alienation so widespread among Israeli youth with respect to their people's history and culture. There is the special Forum where scholars from Israel and abroad are invited to discuss problems of contemporary Judaism.

Our aim was to raise \$50,000. This we were able to do with approximately 900 contributors from our Ottawa Jewish community.

We wish to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to all those who so generously contributed to this worthwhile project and for helping to make our 1978 Campaign so successful.

State of Israel Bonds

Moshe Feig, General Chairman

When Prime Minister Menahem Begin recently visited the United States to mark Israel's 30th Anniversary of Independence, he spent part of the time talking about Bonds. The theme during meetings in New York, Chicago and Los Angeles was his belief that building Israel's economy is essential to the mid-east peace process and he stressed in particular the development role of Israel Bonds.

The funds raised by the sale of Bonds are restricted to Israel's separate development budget and make up between 35 per cent and 40 per cent of that budget, playing a key role in Israel's unique economic situation. Bonds have been responsible for such projects as the construction of the national water carrier, which has helped bring 450,000 acres under irrigation, the building of oil pipelines from Elat to Haifa, to Ashdod and to Ashkelon, the draining of lakes and marshes in the Huleh valley and the construction of a deep water harbour at Ashdod.

In 1977, some 300,000 Bonds worth \$331,540,000 were sold, raising the total sale of Bonds to over \$3.8 billion. Israel Bonds are owned by more than 2 million people and institutions throughout the world including some 3,100 banks, 7,000 pension funds, 1,400 unions and between 400 - 500 insurance companies.

Michael Arnon, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Bond Organization, has said "a person does not buy Bonds because of the specifics of the interest rate and return. It is an investment of faith, an investment of love and admiration." And Samuel Rothberg, National Chairman of the Bond Organization, has said, "Bonds are not a philanthropy, they are a loan, an investment." But they are a loan with a special meaning: "Many Jews feel that what they do to help Israel helps to secure their future and the future of their children."

Of the total Bond sales in 1977, \$764,500 represented sales in the Ottawa area. These sales resulted from individual solicitations, Synagogue appeals on Yom Kippur and various functions sponsored by organizations and institutions.

Among the highlights of the activities were the Pacesetters Luncheon addressed by Yehuda Avner, Prime Minister Begin's representative with diaspora Jewry, the Testimonial Dinner honouring Irving Rivers sponsored by B'nai B'rith Ottawa Lodge No 885, the Testimonial Dinner tendered by Machzikei Hadas Congregation in honour of Jack Smith and the reception for Rita Gur, wife of the then Chief of Staff of the Israel Defence Force, graciously hosted by Corinne and Herbert Zagerman. In each of these activities the Women's Division, headed by Stella Torontow, played a major role.

As we shortly begin our 1978 Israel Bond campaign we look to each member of the Jewish community to come forward and express his faith, love and admiration for Israel. Celebrate Israel's 30th Anniversary in a tangible and meaningful way by the purchase of Israel Bonds that will enable Israel to meet the challenges it faces and help secure Israel's future as well as that of world Jewry and the future of all our children.

Pioneer Women Na'Amat

Doreen Bodnoff, President

This past year has been a successful one for PWNA. We have seen an increase in our membership and each of our members plays a part in our own organization and within the Jewish community as a whole.

Once again it has been our pleasure to publish the Ottawa Jewish Reference and Telephone Directory. This edition, our 27th, was our biggest ever.

Our Child Rehabilitation Tea and continuing Spiritual Adoption programme also help provide the funds to make up our quota as required by our national office in Montreal.

This year, the JNF Tu B'Shevat Telethon was organized by Sarah Swedler and all of our members worked diligently for this project. We also conducted three successive Sunday telethons for the Histadrut Campaign. We were most active in the Yom Haatzmaut celebrations, guiding the youth participation in the programme. This year as always, we gave our support to UJA and Israel Bonds.

It was with much regret that we negotiated the sale of the Histadrut Centre on Laurier Avenue. This landmark of Jewish activity had become a financial burden we were no longer able to bear. At this time we are energetically searching for new premises.

We continue to make an impact on the Canadian scene as a vital, active organization. While partnership with Na'Amat is our *raison d'être*, our concern also encompasses Israel as a whole, Jewish education and Aliyah. Above all we strive to educate our membership to the consciousness of their Judaism and Zionist ideology.

I have found my two year term of office a rewarding one. I have enjoyed working in harmony with my own executive and with other organizations in the city. To my successor, Mrs. Betty Dover, I extend heartfelt good wishes for a fruitful term of office.

Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO

Estelle Abelson, President

Ottawa Hadassah-Wizo is one of the 15 Council cities of the Hadassah-Wizo Organization of Canada. The Hadassah-Wizo Organization of Canada is, in its turn, one of 50 federations in 50 countries that make up World Wizo, the Women's International Zionist Organization. We are a charitable service organization and our aim is to promote the educational, medical and social welfare of all the women and children in Israel - Jewish, Christian and Moslem. We are completely non-political both here in Canada and in Israel and are not affiliated with any specific religious branch of Judaism.

We began our 1977-78 season on August 30th with a well attended Open Council Meeting at which we outlined our year's activities, began our educational program for Youth Aliyah, and opened our membership drive.

October was a busier than usual month for us. On October 15th, at the invitation of Kingston Hadassah-Wizo, 50 of our members participated in a luncheon social with members from Kingston, Belleville and Cornwall. We then rushed home to begin our Third Annual Youth Aliyah project.

I must mention that Canadian Hadassah-Wizo's support of Youth Aliyah has resulted in some important benefits for Canadians. Dr. Reuven Feuerstein, Director of Canadian Hadassah-Wizo's Research Institute and Child Guidance Clinic in Jerusalem, has developed new methodology for assessing the learning potential of children diagnosed as mentally retarded and for teaching these children. With the last few years, Dr. Feuerstein has been consulting with OISE. (The Ontario Institute for Studies in Education) as well as psychologists in Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver, teaching them how to apply his methods in the Canadian milieu.

Our 1977 Hadassah-Wizo Bazaar was held on November 3rd at the Civic Centre. This year we saluted The Ottawa Humane Society. Shortly after Bazaar several Ottawa Hadassah-Wizo members attended our

Diamond Jubilee Convention in Israel. We are delighted to report that Stella Torontow was elected a National Vice-President, Gloria Krugel was appointed Portfolio Chairman of Acco Youth Village and Edna Goldfarb was appointed Portfolio Chairman for Tourism. Tami Berezin was elected Regional Chairman of Eastern Ontario.

Our 23rd Annual Medical Services Luncheon, saluting our Diamond Jubilee Year in a Musical Pageant, was held on April 3rd at the Skyline Hotel. We were delighted that over 280 women enjoyed the celebrations and lent their support to Asaf Harofe Hospital.

In addition to fundraising, Ottawa Hadassah-Wizo plays an active role in educational Public Affairs programming both for our own women, and once a year, for the wider community.

To mark the 11th Anniversary of Jerusalem Re-United, Ottawa Hadassah-Wizo hosted a Judeo-Christian dialogue titled Jerusalem, A United City, on May 23rd at the Canadian National Institute for the Blind Building. Seventy-two men and women representing a cross section of United and Baptist Church guilds, women's service organizations and Hadassah-Wizo members participated. The evening began with a light buffet supper, giving the participants an opportunity to meet one another informally. The programme consisted of a film on Jerusalem, informal remarks by the Honourable Flora MacDonald, an address by Rabbi Benjamin Hauer, and a discussion period. The formal written evaluation forms completed by the participants showed that 95 percent found the content, film and speakers very informative and the evening useful and productive.

Our Annual Council Meeting on June 13th was highlighted by the presentation of the Lillian Freiman Cup, emblematic of superior Chapter effort.

Ottawa Hebrew Benevolent Society

Samuel Caplan, President

The Ottawa Hebrew Benevolent Society, is actively engaged in welfare work, mostly financial aid. Individuals who call in are offered this help. These services are also offered to immigrants asking for extra help other than what is offered by Manpower.

We are entirely funded by the United Way, being a member agency and do not resort to any fund-raising. However for a month prior to Passover, we conduct the Mo'Oss Chittim fund for the Jewish Aid Society. This money is distributed to needy families for Passover. The Russian immigrants also receive a little extra for Passover. Baskets of fruit are sent to residents in local institutions. The same practice is followed by the Ottawa Hebrew Benevolent Society at the High Holidays and Chanukah. We subsidize a few day care residents at Hillel Lodge. Cheques from both our organizations are forwarded to the B'nai B'rith Camp to assist in their scholarship fund.

We also contribute annually to the Canadian Jewish Congress for their Mo'Oss Chittim fund from the Jewish Aid Society.

We meet annually, our last meeting being held May 31st.

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Jewish National Fund Council of Ottawa

Muriel Levine, Immediate Past Chairman

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The Jewish National Fund Council of Ottawa is comprised of the Executive, the professional staff in Montreal and the JNF representatives of the Ottawa Zionist and Jewish Community Organizations.

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Section II - 1977 Income

Trees	\$11,287.00
Negev Dinner	25,044.00
Boxes	195.00
Foundation	72,545.00
High Holy Days	1,250.00
Golden Book	660.00
Sefer Bar Mitzvah	1,091.00
	\$112,072.00

Section III - Number of meetings held in 1977

Eight meetings took place.

Section IV - Foundation Subscriptions:

In 1977 Foundation project subscriptions amounted to \$223,677.00. The JNF Foundation is a unique way in which an individual can identify himself or his loved ones with a special project in Israel bearing the donor's name, for a minimum subscription of \$3,000. (towards the purchase of a Grove of 1,000 Trees) and a down payment of as little as 10 per cent with the balance payable at the donor's own discretion or in his Will (after 120 years).

Section V - Negev Dinner:

The J.N.F. Ottawa Negev Dinner, held on November 15, 1977 at the Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, honoured Harold Shenkman.



Approximately 450 people were in attendance and the speakers at the Negev Dinner included His Excellency Mordechai Shalev, Rabbi Saul I. Aranov, Jack Spence, President, Ottawa Board of Trade, Nathan Scott, President, Jewish National Fund of Ottawa, Peter Shanaan, Israel Consul for Economic Affairs, Saul Hayes, QC, LLD, Legal Counsel, United Israel Appeal, Lt. Col. Yaakov Gur and Mrs. Isaac Levine, Chairman, JNF Council of Ottawa. Chairman of the evening was Gilbert Greenberg and Associate Dinner Chairman was Victor K. Whittaker.

Section VI - Toll-Free Line to Montreal

In December, 1975, a direct toll-free line to the JNF Office in Montreal was installed and the telephone number is 1-800-361-8459.

Section VII - 1978 Tu B'Shvat Telethon

The 1978 Tu B'Shvat Telethon, sponsored by the Women's Zionist Organizations of Ottawa and Chaired by Mrs. Sarah Diena, sold 979 Trees and raised a total of \$4,895.00.

Section VIII - Jerusalem Emissary-Education

In August, 1976 the Keren Kayemeth Le'Israel appointed Lt. Col. Amos Gilboa, as Educational Shaliach to the Jewish National Fund of Canada. The purpose of setting up a JNF Educational Department in Canada was to bring Jewish Youth closer to Zionism by promoting involvement and identification with Israel amongst Jewish youth in existing Zionist Organization schools.

The Canadian Technion Society — Ottawa Chapter

Arnon Miller, Chairman

The Canadian Technion Society — Ottawa Chapter is part of a network of active chapters throughout Canada. The Eastern Region includes the chapters of Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, Halifax, Sidney and Dartmouth. The Western Region includes Chapters of Winnipeg, Calgary, Regina, Edmonton, and Vancouver. The Ottawa Chapter has been reactivated this year and its most important task is to inform the community of the vital importance of the Technion to Israel's economic development and technical superiority in all fields.

The Technion — Israel Institute of Technology — established in 1908 has an enrollment of about 10,000 students per year. 6500 undergraduates and 3500 graduate students. The Technion adds to Israel's economy 1000 Bachelor of Science graduates, 300 Masters Degree graduates and 100 PhD graduates per year. All major industry in Israel — (Not to mention the defence and armament industry — including production of the "Kfir Jet fighter planes) is totally dependant on Technion's graduates. Facilities include: Aeronautical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Medical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Industrial Engineering, Food Engineering, Architecture, Mineral Engineering — totalling 6500 students. Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Computer Science — 1500 students.

The 300 acre Technion City Campus with its more than 60 buildings came into being largely through the financial assistance of friends organized in Technion Societies throughout the world and the aid given by the Government of Israel. Much remains to be done to provide additional facilities and support research.

The Ottawa Chapter of the Canadian

Technion Society has undertaken to raise the sum of \$50,000 — the interest of which will be utilized to support Solar Energy Research being done at the Technion. Interest in Solar Energy has intensified throughout the world due to fuel shortages and universal benefits to all nations.

On November 6, 1977 the Annual National Directors Meeting of the Canadian Technion Society took place at the J.C.C. in Ottawa with representatives of all the chapters attending. Since November 1977 the Ottawa Chapter has had several meetings. Mr. Emmanuel Shimoni — Director of Public Affairs of the Technion was guest speaker at one of the meetings. A public meeting was held at the J.C.C. in March and our guest speaker was Prof. Uri Shamir whose expertise is Hydraulic engineering — The usage and exploitation of water resources.

On July 2, 1978 the Technion Society will inaugurate the "D. Lou Harris — Canadian Student Dormitories" at the Technion campus in Haifa. A \$3,000,000 project now completed and made possible by the Canadian Technion Society.

The National Goal of the Canadian Technion Society is the establishment of the Canada Nuclear Engineering Institute — for which \$5,000,000 will be raised. \$1,500,000 have already been pledged.

A 2 week tour to Israel has been organized from Montreal June 19 - July 3 — with focus on the Technion. (Achievements and developments directly planned, initiated and executed by Technion graduates and the Technion itself. Such as Port planning and Construction, The Aircraft Industry etc.) We trust such tours will take place on a yearly or bi-yearly basis.

As the UJA campaign is now well in hand — we are in the process of trying to raise the funds for the Ottawa Project. We have suggested under separate cover — in a letter to Mr. Gilbert Greenberg and the Va'ad that a central joint committee be organized for efficient fund raising for all the Universities and Institutes.

In conclusion we must emphasize — although there are many worthwhile Universities in Israel — there is only one Technion. Only one Institute to provide the technical skill, competence and knowhow which is the backbone of all economic and industrial viability.

We are grateful to have had the opportunity to present the Technion to the Ottawa Community — we can all be very proud of its standards and achievements. We consider it an honour to be associated with Technion and to promote its endeavours and development.



Ottawa Hebrew Free Loan Association

Thomas Sachs, President

We are in our 45th year of operation. To date we have granted 2,268 loans. Money is loaned in sums up to \$1,000 to applicants without charge of interest or expense of any kind.

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Our three branches in Israel, Jerusalem, Tel-Aviv and Netanya, are very active and continue to render valuable service to hundreds of needy people, especially since the influx of Russian Jewry. Former Ottawans now living in Israel, Mr. Mischa Zbar and Mrs. Esta Friedman, are in charge of our Netanya Branch and are rendering valuable service to our Association.

I also wish to point out that Wills and Bequests have been of valuable assistance to us and increase our aid to those in need.

Remember the Hebrew Free Loan in your will.

Ottawa Women's ORT

Freda Paltiel, President

At its closing and awards dinner on June 14th, Ottawa Women's ORT will be celebrating its 30th anniversary.

Despite very thin forces during the winter months, when many of our dedicated members were in sothern climes, Ottawa Women's ORT has had an exceptionally active season, with two crowning community events — the unforgettable visit by Messrs. Assefa Abebe and Asmare Dawit, young B'nai ha'Israel (Falasha Jews) from Ethiopia, who addressed an overflow audience and Ottawa Jewish pupils. The other event was our Purim Carnival which was held in our home for the aged, the Hillel Lodge. Staff, residents and children paraded in gay costumes and a programme of entertainment held the residents and all our guests enraptured for over four hours. In planning this event, we invited the National Council of Jewish Women and B'nai Brith girls to cooperate, which they did to make this a true community celebration, pioneered by ORT.

The season was opened by a membership meeting at which Ms. Fritzi Frankel, spoke about Gluckl of Hamelin. A noted Ottawa artist, Rachel Paley, donated a batik.

Each of the ORT Chapters, Eilat, Eretz, Kadimah and Shalom, had successful educational and fundraising programmes. At Chanukah, the Eretz Chapter had a lovely candle-light dinner to celebrate its 25th an-

niversary. This spring, the Kadimah Chapter had a very successful art auction.

Financially, this was a windfall year as Ottawa Women's ORT were beneficiaries of the estate of Michael Benes and Anne Van Derzee. For the first time, Ottawa Women's ORT shared in the leadership responsibility for the Meters for Millions, formerly Miles for Millions, which is a very worthy cause.

ORT was happy to be an active participant in the Israeli Trade Fair, in honour of the 30th anniversary of Israeli independence.

The President and Executive of Ottawa Women's ORT wish to thank the members of the community and the leaders of other Jewish organizations for the excellent cooperation enjoyed during the year.

Ottawa Chevra Kadisha

Jacob Landau, Gabbai Rishon

During the Ottawa Chevra Kadisha year which ended on the 15th day of Kislev we conducted 58 funerals.

At our annual meeting the following were elected to office:

Gabbai Rishon — Jacob Landau
Gabbayim — Harry Pleet
— Laurence Kapeller
— Sam Petigorsky
Secretary — Issie I. Greenberg
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During the year 3 general meetings and 6 executive meetings were held as well as many committee meetings.

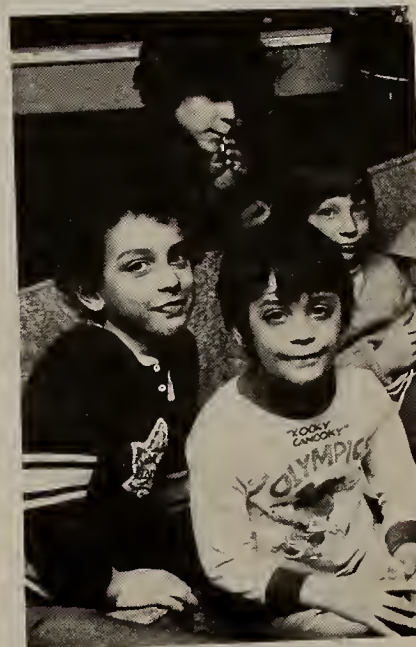
Of serious concern is the rising cost of maintenance and utilities for the chapel. During the past year major repairs were required and to date all have been completed. Due to the age of the building it is a growing concern and it is anticipated that in the not too distant future a replacement building may be required. This move may be forced upon us by the new Rideau Centre Plan presently under consideration by the Ottawa City Council.

However, some modifications are presently under consideration by the Chevra Kadisha House Committee.

It is with pleasure we announce that during the past year some new members have undertaken to share our work in the ladies as well as men's division of the Chevra Kadisha.

All members of the Chevra Kadisha are dedicated individuals, who carry out their duties in a manner befitting such a religious function.

The members are most appreciative of the co-operation extended by the members of our community and we again request that the Gabbayim not be called after 10 pm at night, on Sabbath and Religious Holy Days.



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Help us go over the top in 1978. Fill in your U.J.A. Pushka and turn it in to the Women's Division of the United Jewish Appeal of Ottawa at 151 Chapel Street!

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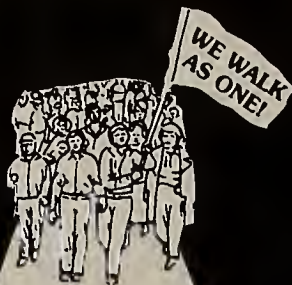
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